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MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
John Cook, D.D.	25 Dec., 1835.	George Weir, M.A.	*Quebec.*
Dun. Anderson, M.A.	26 Dec., 1854.	Alexander Fraser	*Point Levi. a.*
James McCaul, B.A.	24 Aug., 1864.	Colin McIvor	*Melbourne.*
John Bennett	29 June, 1869.	John Houlieston	*Three Rivers.*
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Meets at Montreal on the first Tuesday of February, May, August and Nov.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
James C. Muir, D.D.	29 April, 1836.	William Hamilton	*Georgetown. a.*
William Simpson	16 Mar., 1840.	.....	*Lachine.*
John McDonald	28 June, 1854.	Donald McKay	*Beechridge. b.*
Frederick P. Sym.	29 Sept., 1852.	James Lang	*Beauharnois.*
James Patterson	8 Sept., 1858.	Thomas Ryle	*Hemmingford.*
William Masson	15 Sept., 1858.	Adam J. B. Reay	*Russeltown.*
Wm. C. Clark, B.A.	28 Oct., 1858.	William Hood	*Ormstown.*
John Jenkins, D.D.	27 June, 1865.	James Croil	*Montreal, [St. Paul's.*
Donald Ross, B.D.	3 Oct., 1865.	Robert Nichols	*Chatham and [Grenville. c.*
Donald Ross	20 July, 1859.	John Cruickshanks	*Dundee. d.*
R. Campbell, M.A.	10 April, 1862.	James Lillie	*Montreal, [St. Gabriel's.*
J. S. Lochead, M.A.	21 Sept., 1866.	.....	*Elgin and [Athelstane. e.*
Charles A. Doudiet.	23 Aug., 1869.	Augustus Hoerner	*Montreal, [St. John's.*
Gavin Lang	28 Nov., 1870.	John L. Morris	*Montreal, St. [Andrew's.*
William M. Black.	7 Mar., 1871.	Robert Kerr	*Montreal, [St. Marks.*
S. McMorine, B.A.	5 Nov., 1868.	James Learmont	*Huntingdon.*
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Meets at Cornwall on the first Wednesday of February, May, Aug. and Nov.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
T. Macpherson, M.A.	28 Dec., 1836.	William Young	*Lancaster.*
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John Davidson....	Sep., 1844.....	.....	*Williamsburgh. a.*
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Neil McNish, B.D..	25 Nov., 1868.	James Craig.....	*Cornwall.*
Donald McAulay..	8 Dec., 1869.	Finlay McCuaig....	*Cote St. George. e.*
George Porteous...	22 Aug., 1860.	Robert Toye.....	*Matilda. f.*
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MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Alex. Mann, M.A..	16 Feb., 1841.	Alex. Fowler, M.D...	*Pakenham.*
William Bain, D.D.	29 Oct., 1845.	Hon. Alex. Morris..	*Perth.*
Solomon Mylne....	16 Oct., 1850.	Robert Hutton	*Smith's Falls.*
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MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
James Sinclair.....24	Oct., 1853.	William Croskery...	*Huntley.*
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Thomas Scott.....12	Jan., 1844.....	.....	*Plantaganet. c.*
Elias Mullan.....18	Sept., 1867.	James McGowan....	*Spencerville.*
D. M. Gordon, B.D.	17 Dec., 1867.	Andrew Drummond.	*Ottawa.*
W. McLennan, M.A.	10 Nov., 1869.	C. P. Treadwell....	*L'Orignal and [Hawkesbury. d.*
William Cleland...	2 Aug., 1854.	James Anderson ...	*Mountain & South [Gower. e.*
James Fraser, B.A.	13 Jan., 1870.	Andrew Blackburn.	*Chelsea.*
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6. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—REV. J. C. SMITH, M.A., *Clerk.*

Meets at Belleville on the first Wednesday of February and August, and at Kingston on the first Wednesday of May and November.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Robert Neill, D,D,.	29 Jan., 1840.	Thomas Hume.....	*Seymour. a.*
J. Williamson, L.L.D.	25 Feb., 1845.....	.....	*Queen's College. b.*
Alexander Buchan.	12 Nov., 1856.	G. H. Boulter, M.D.	*Stirling.*
J. B Mowat, M.A..	2 May, 1850.....	.....	*Queen's College. b.*
W. Snodgrass, D.D.	4 Nov., 1856.....	.....	*Queen's College. b.*
J.H.Mackerras, M.A.	20 Sep., 1853.....	.....	*Queen's College. b.*
J. C. Smith, M.A...	21 July, 1864.	Thomas Rutherford.	*Belleville.*
James M. Gray....	4 Aug., 1869.	James Balcanqual..	*Roslin & Thurlow. c.*
G.D.Ferguson, B.A.	16 May, 1855.....	.....	*Queen's College. b.*
P.S.Livingston, B.A.	17 Aug., 1871.	James Barnes.....	*Pittsburgh. b.*

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Meets at Toronto on the Third Tuesday of January, April, July and Oct.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
John Tawse, M.A..	8 Mar.,	1837., ...	*King.*
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James Carmichael..	2 Oct.,	1860.James Burns.....	*West King. c.*
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A. Macdonald, B.A.	31 Jan.,	1866.Arch. Brown	*Nottawasaga. e.*
D.J.Macdonnell,B.D.	20 Nov.,	1866.William Mitchell ..	*Toronto.*
Adam Spenser.....	4 Aug.,	1868.Malcolm Galbraith.	*Darlington. f.*
Donald Strachan...	8 Sep.,	1868.T. McLaughlin.....	*Erin. g.*
D. Macdonald, M.A.	11 Jan.,	1865.Richard Madill.....	*Purple Hill and E. [Nottawasaga. h.*
David P.Niven,B.A.	1 Mar.,	1870.Donald McDonald...	*Georgina. i.*
J. Carmichael, M. A.	10 Nov.,	1870.Arch. Barker.....	*Markham.*
Smith Hutcheson...	16 Feb.,	1871.Robert McCracken..	*Mulmur. j.*
A. Maclennan, B.A.	2 July,	1862.Henry Madill.	*Scott & Uxbridge.k.*
Peter Lindsay, B.A.	12 Oct.,	1853.James Irwin.....	*Caledon & Mono. l.*
James B. Mullan...	23 July,	1862.James Rettie.....	*Fergus.*
Joshua Fraser, B.A.	21 Sep.,	1865.J. G. Macdougall. ..	*Whitby.*
John Ferguson, B.A.	22 April,	1868.....	*Osprey & Dunedin. [m.*

Samuel Porter, Newmarket, 29th April, 1846....
Archibald Colquhoun Mansfield, 14th July, 1832.
Alexander Lewis, Mono, 4th Aug., 1840.....
James Stuart, Toronto, 22 Aug., 1849.....
John Barclay, D.D., 6th Dec., 1842..... } *Retired Ministers.*

Francis Nicol, 22nd Dec., 1859, *Ordained Missionary.*

☞*a*, Woburn; *b*, Deerhurst; *c*, Laskey; *d*, Maple; *e*, Collingwood; *f*, Bowmanville; *g*, Hillsburgh; *h*, Creemore; *i*, Sutton; *j*, Rosemont; *k*, Uxbridge; *l*, Mono Mills; *m*, Maple Valley.

8. PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.—REV. J. ALLISTER MURRAY, *Clerk.*

Meets at Lindsay on the first Tuesday of February, May, August and Sept.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
David Watson,M.A.	30 Aug.,	1853.William Ritchie....	*Thorah. a.*
Arch. Currie, M.A.	23 Oct.,	1861.Lachlan McPhail...	*Brock. b.*
William White....	24 June,	1857.....	*Clark. c.*
J. Allister Murray.	9 Oct.,	1867.Neil Macdougall....	*Lindsay.*
K. Maclennan, M.A.	8 Mar.,	1853.Robert Romaine....	*Peterboro'.*
E. Macaulay, B.A..	3 Oct.,	1866.Duncan McRae.....	*Balsover.*
M.W. Maclean,M.A.	15 Aug.,	1866.....	*Port Hope.*
James T. Paul,.....	5 June,	1850.Alex. Kidd.....	*Dummer. d.*
.....	.....	.....Lachlan Currie...	*Eldon.*

Rev. W. Cochrane, 18 Sept., 1866, *Ordained Missionary.*
Knoxville, Auburn Mills, North Monaghan, *Mission Stations.*
☞*a*, Beaverton; *b*, Sonya; *c*, Newtonville; *d*, Warsaw.

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9. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—REV. ROBERT BURNET, *Clerk.*

Meets at Hamilton and Guelph alternately.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Geo. Bell, L.L.D..	30 May,	1844.Joshua G. Wright...	*Clifton.*
Robert Burnet	26 Oct.,	1853.James Inch.....	*Hamilton.*
M. W. Livingstone.	19 May,	1858,.....	*Simcoe.*
James Herald.....	30 June,	1858.Jas. Gilmore.....	*Dundas.*
Charles Campbell..	25 Aug.,	1858.Robert N. Ball	*Niagara.*
John Hogg, D.D...	30 June,	1859.David Allan.....	*Guelph.*
William Stewart...	26 Dec.,	1860.George Ford.	*Hornby.*
H. Edmison, M.A..	18 Oct.,	1866.Thomas Little.....	*Nelson and Water- [down. a.*
Jas. B. Muir, M.A.	31 May,	1865.James Wilson.....	*Galt.*
G. A.Yeomans, B.A.	22 Sep.,	1869.James Burnett	*Woolwich. b.*
Robert Dobie,.....	7 Oct.,	1853.Thomas Miller, B.A.	*Milton.*
.....	.....	.....Robert Gordon.....	*Arthur.*
.....	.....	.....William McArthur.	*Richwood and Showers' Corners.*
.....	.....	.....	*Ancaster.*
.....	.....	.....	*Saltfleet and Bin- [brook.*

Robert G. McLaren, B.A., Flamboro', 14 Aug., 1862, *Ordained Missionary.*

Dover, Lyndoch and Windham Centre, *Mission Stations.*

☞*a*, Waterdown; *b*, Winterbourne.

10. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—REV. JAMES GORDON, M.A. *Clerk.*

Meets at London on the first Wednesday of January, May and September.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
William Bell, M.A.	17 May, 1848	.....	*N. Easthope. a.*
Jas. McEwen, M.A.	12 Oct. 1854.	Gilbert Taylor.....	*Westminster. b.*
John Rannie, M.A.	15 Sep., 1859.	H. B. Robertson....	*Chatham. c.*
Hamilton Gibson...	13 Nov., 1850	.....	*Bayfield& Varna.d.*
James Gordon, M.A.	26 Sep., 1854.	James Weir	*N. Dorchester. e.*
David Camelon....	12 Dec., 1859.	James Cowan.....	*London.*
Jas. Sieveright,B.A.	30 July, 1857.	John McDonald...	*Goderich.*
J. S. Eakin, B.A....	11 Aug., 1869.	George Thompson..	*Kippen.*
R. Chambers, B.A.	5 July, 1870.	Robert Chambers...	*East Williams. f.*
....	.....	.....	*Stratford.*
....	.....	.....	*Southwold.*
.....	.....	.....	*Woodstock.*
....	.....	.....	*Wawanosh.*
.....	.....	.....	*East Oxford.*
.....	.....	.....	*Glencoe & Dunwich.*

Alexander McKid, Goderich, 18 Jan. 1844.
William Barr, London, 28 Sep. 1849. } *Retired Ministers.*

William Johnson, M.A., 15 Nov., 1852, *Ordained Missionary.*

Aldborough, Parkhill, Port Albert, Zorra, *Mission Stations.*

☞*a*, Shakespeare; *b*, London; *c*, Chatham, Ont.; *d*, Bayfield; *e*, Crumlin. *f*, Nairn.

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11. PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—REV. DUNCAN MORRISON, M.A., *Clerk.*

Meets at Owen Sound on the second Tuesday of May, and at Paisley on the second Tuesday of October, at 5 P.M.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
D. Morrison, M.A.	22 Oct., 1851.	David Wilson.....	*Owen Sound and Derby. a.*
Donald Fraser, M.A.	19 Aug., 1867.	Dugald McCormick..	*Priceville.*
E. B. Rodgers.....	19 Oct., 1870	James Corbett.....	*Leith & Johnson. b.*
.....	.....		*Mount Forest.*
.....	.....		*Kincardine.*
.....	.....		*Paisley & Elderslie.*
.....	.....		*Saugeen.*

Walkerton, *Mission Station.*

☞*a*, Owen Sound; *b*, Leith.

CORRESPONDENTS FROM THE SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

Thomas Duncan, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
William M. Wilson, M. A., Chatham, N. B.

For purposes connected with the Temporalities' Fund.
Rev. John Wells ..... *New Richmond.*
Rev. John Whyte..... *Scotland.*

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland begun at Kingston on the 5th, and concluded on the 12th day of June, 1872 years.

SESSION XLV.

DIET I.

At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there;—Wednesday, the fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to appointment, after sermon by the Rev. Duncan Morrison, M.A., Minister of Owen Sound, Retiring Moderator, on this text, 2 Corinthians, V. 20; "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God;" and was constituted with prayer by the said Rev. Duncan Morrison.

The Synod Roll was made up and read.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Sederunt.—John Hogg, *Moderator;* James Bain, William E. Mackay, James Carmichael (West King), Walter R. Ross, Alexander Macdonald, Daniel J. Macdonnell, Adam Spenser, Donald Strachan, Duncan Macdonald, David P. Niven, James Carmichael (Markham), Peter Lindsay, James B. Mullan, Joshua Fraser, John Ferguson, David Watson, William White, J. Allister Murray, Kenneth Maclennan, Matthew W. Maclean, James T. Paul, George Bell, Robert Burnet, Martin W. Livingstone, Henry Edmison, James B. Muir, George A. Yeomans, James McEwen, John Rannie, James Gordon, David Camelon, Joseph S. Eakin, Robert Chambers, Duncan Morrison, Donald Fraser, John

Cook, James McCaul, John Bennett, Charles A. Tanner, James C. Muir, William Simpson, Frederick P. Sym, James Patterson, William Masson, William C. Clark, Donald Ross (Chatham), Donald Ross (Dundee), Robert Campbell (Montreal), John S. Lochead, Gavin Lang, William M. Black, Peter Watson, John Davidson, John S. Burnet, James S. Mullan, Neil McNish, Donald Macaulay, George Porteous, Alexander Mann, William Bain, Solomon Mylne, James Wilson, Walter Ross, Daniel McGillivray, Robert Campbell (Macnab and Horton), William T. Canning, Hugh Cameron, Thomas Scott, Elias Mullan, Daniel M. Gordon, William Maclennan, William Cleland, Donald J. McLean, Robert Neill, James Williamson, John B. Mowat, William Snodgrass, John H. Mackerras, James C. Smith, James M. Gray, George D. Ferguson, Peter S. Livingston, *Ministers;* Thomas Brown, William Mitchell, Malcolm Galbraith, Archibald Barker, James Rettie, Neil Macdougall, Robert Romaine, James Inch, David Allan, James Wilson, Henry, B. Robertson, George Thompson, George Weir, Colin McIvor, William Hood, James Croil, Robert Nichols, James Lillie, John L. Morris, William Young, Hugh Mackenzie, Hugh Robertson, James Craig, Robert Toye, James McIlquham, James Hamilton, William Wilson, James Jack, James McGowan, Andrew Drummond, Thomas Rutherford, George Davidson, David Cramond, *Elders.*

The Synod record with regret the death during the past year of the Rev. **David Shanks,** Minister of Valcartier. Mr. Shanks was a man of great simplicity of character and singularly unobtrusive manner. He laboured long and faithfully to a small Presbyterian colony, situated in the midst of the French Roman Catholic settlements of the Province of Quebec. Beloved by his flock and respected by all without distinction of creed, he has passed away, at a ripe age, from the scene of his earthly labours.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

It was moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Mylne, and carried unanimously, That the Rev. John Hogg, D.D., Minister of Guelph, be Moderator for the year; and he, being present, took the Chair and thanked the House.

THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Mr. Mylne, seconded by Mr. Mann, and passed unanimously, the Moderator tendered to Mr. Morrison, Retiring Moderator, the thanks of the Synod for the appropriate discourse preached by him this day and for his whole conduct as Moderator.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS.

The Moderator, the Clerk and Dr. Bell were appointed a Committee to arrange the order of business that may come before the Court.

HOURS OF MEETING.

It was agreed to adopt during the present session the same hours of meeting that were found, last session, to be so advantageous for the proper despatch of business, viz:—in the forenoon, from twelve to one; in the afternoon, from three to half-past five o'clock; and in the evening, from half-past seven to the close of the Diet.

REPLIES TO ADDRESSES.

There was read a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor-General, intimating that the Synod's Address of last year to the Queen had been laid before Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously, and was much gratified by the expressions of loyalty and attachment to Her Throne and Person which it contained. There was also read a lengthened reply to the Synod's Address of last year to His Excellency the Governor-General.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Synod proceeded to appoint the following Committees:—

1. On Bills and Overtures:—The Moderator, *Convener;* The Clerk, Dr. Muir, Dr. Neill, Dr. Bell, Messrs. Mylne, Robert Burnet, G. D. Ferguson, Patterson, McEwen, Walter R. Ross, Cleland, Muir, Cameron, Camelon, Joshua Fraser, McGillivray, Lang, Donald Fraser, Matthew W. Maclean, Murray; Croil, Lillie, Allan, Treadwell, Barker, McIlquham, Romaine, Rutherford, Inch, Hume.

2. On References, Complaints and Appeals:—The Moderator, *Convener;* The Clerk, Dr. Cook, Dr. Snodgrass, Dr. Williamson, Dr. Bain, Messrs. Mann, Mowat, Morrison, Kenneth Maclennan, David Watson, Bain, Rannie, James Gordon, Wilson, Carmichael (West King), Macdonnell, Smith, James S. Mullan, D. M. Gordon, Alexander Mackay, McNish, William Maclennan; Alexander Morris, George Weir, Drummond, McIvor, Craig, Hugh Robertson, Robert Bell, Wilson (Ramsay), Dowswell, Davidson, Thomas Brown, Boulter, Neil Macdougall, Mitchell.

3. To revise Synod and Commission Records:—Mr. Black, *Convener;* Messrs. Clark, Dobie, Charles Campbell; John L. Morris, Ault.

4. To revise Presbytery Records:—Mr. John S. Burnet, *Convener;* Messrs. Sym, Walter Ross, Canning, D. J. McLean, Brown, Alexander Macdonald, William E. Mackay, Lochead, Peter Watson, Porteous, Bennett, Doudiet, James Fraser, Duncan Macdonald, Spenser, Strachan, Currie, Herald, Gray, Paul, John Ferguson, William White, Yeomans, Chambers, Carmichael (Markham), Campbell (Macnab and Horton), Peter S. Livingston; Nichols, McCuaig, Toye, Jack, MacGowan, Galbraith, Rettie, J. G. Macdougall, James Wilson, Henry B. Robertson, Robert Thomson.

5. To draft an Address to the Queen:—Mr. Ross (Chatham), *Convener;* Messrs. G. D. Ferguson, William Maclennan; Croil, John L. Morris.

6. To draft an Address to the Governor-General;—Mr. McNish, *Convener;* Messrs. Tanner, Macmorine; Craig, Lillie.

7, On applications for leave to retire from the active duties of the Ministry:—Mr. Campbell (Montreal), *Convener;* Messrs. Buchan, Scott, Lindsay, Macdonnell, Martin W. Livingstone, Masson, Edmison, Eakin, D. P. Niven, McCaul, Elias Mullan, Donald Macaulay; Croil, Barker, Hood, Hugh Mackenzie, Gowan, George Thompson.

There were read and referred to the Committee on Applications for leave to retire from the active duties of the Ministry Petitions from the Rev. Francis Nicol, the Rev. William Johnson, M.A., and the Rev. John Whyte.

TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

The Synod proceeded to the election of three Trustees of the University of Queen's College in room of the Rev. Dr. Bain, the Rev. David Watson, M.A., and the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B D., who retired pursuant to the terms of the Royal Charter; when, on motion of Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Donald Fraser, it was unanimously agreed to re-elect these members of the Board of Trustees of Queen's College.

REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO FERGUS.

Principal Snodgrass, Convener of the Commission appointed at last meeting of Synod to visit Fergus and endeavour to arrange the differences which existed in that congregation, presented and read a report, stating that they had discharged the duty entrusted to them and had effected a harmonious settlement of all differences. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. M. W. Livingstone, seconded by Mr. Muir, and passed unanimously, That the report be received and adopted, and the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Commissioners for their diligence and success in the several matters with which they had been charged. In connection with this there was read a paper, subscribed by the Managers of St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, withdrawing the allegations contained in paragraphs nine, twelve and thirteen of the Memorial presented by them to the Synod last year.

The Rev. Donald Masson, M.A., M.D., Minister of the Gaelic Church, Edinburgh, was introduced to the House, welcomed by the Moderator and invited to sit and deliberate with the Court.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DOMINION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The Clerk produced and read a letter which he had received from the Secretary of the Dominion Telegraph Company, stating that that Company had placed at the disposal of the Synod for the use of members attending the meeting a Blank Book of telegraphic despatches franked with the seal of the Company as *free.* Said Book accompanied the letter. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the receipt thereof, to convey to the Dominion Telegraph Company their warm thanks for the privilege so courteously accorded to members of Synod and to express their best wishes for the business prosperity of the Company.

APPLICATION OF REV. NEIL MACDOUGALL.

There was next read a letter from the Rev. Neil Macdougall, lately Minister of Eldon, stating his intention to proceed to Manitoba, and requesting the Synod to take such steps as they may deem best with a view to his being there recognized as a Minister of this Church. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of said letter.

RETURNS ON QUESTIONS AND FORMULAS AT LICENSE AND ORDINATION.

There were read Returns on the Forms of Questions and Formulas to be used at License and Ordination, sent down by the Synod at last meeting for consideration, from the Presbyteries of Perth, Kingston and Montreal, expressing approval *simpliciter*, from the Presbyteries of Toronto, Ottawa and Victoria suggesting verbal amendments to the same, and from the Presbytery of Saugeen recommending a closer adherence to the original Forms. These Returns were referred to the Committee on Form of Polity to be reported on at a subsequent Diet.

REPORT FROM DELEGATION TO THE U. S. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Dr. Bell, who had been appointed at last meeting of Synod one of the members of a Deputation to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, intimated that he had fulfilled this appointment and gave an interesting account of the cordial manner in which he had been received by that large and influential Body and the many and varied evidences of spiritual prosperity which he had there witnessed. Dr. Bell was thanked by the House through the Moderator.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CORRESPONDING WITH THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.*

Mr. Mackerras, Convener of the Committee appointed to correspond with the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, presented and read the annual Report of that Committee. Dr. Masson thereafter addressed the House, expressing the lively interest cherished by the Colonial Committee in all that concerns the welfare of this Church—giving a summary of his labours during the past few months among the Gaelic vacancies in the Western Presby-

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teries—and bearing testimony to the warm welcome which had everywhere been accorded to him. Whereupon it was moved by Principal Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. Croil, and passed unanimously, That the Synod adopt the Report, thank the Committee for their judicious and successful management of the business to which they were required to attend during the past year and reappoint the Committee; express their appreciation of the varied and valuable assistance which this Church has received from the Colonial Committee, and which has been the means of largely forwarding the Church's work in those sections of the country referred to in the Report; record with special satisfaction their acknowledgment of the new proof of the interest which the Colonial Committee of the Parent Church takes in its welfare evinced by the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Masson, of Edinburgh, to visit the vacant charges within the bounds of the Synod in which services in the Gaelic language might be useful; record further the great pleasure which the Synod have now had in welcoming Dr. Masson, and listening to the address with which he has favoured the House; and thank Dr. Masson for his able, abundant and seasonable ministrations during the past winter.

REPORT OF TEMPORALITIES' BOARD.*

Mr. Croil laid on the table the Report and accompanying financial statements of the Board of Managers of the Temporalities' Fund.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENTS TO THE SYNOD OF MARITIME PROVINCES.

Mr. Campbell (Montreal), on behalf of the Correspondents appointed to attend the last meeting of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, read a long and interesting report. It was moved by Mr. Kenneth Maclennan, seconded by Mr. Croil and passed unanimously, That the Report be approved; that the Synod record their satisfaction and delight at the continued prosperity of the Church in the Maritime Provinces; and that the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to the Deputation for the efficient manner in which they discharged the duty committed to them.

Mr. Campbell introduced to the House the Rev. Thomas Duncan, Minister of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and the Rev. William Wilson, M.A., Minister of Chatham, New Brunswick, who had been appointed by the Synod of the Maritime Provinces Corresponding Members to attend this meeting and take part in its deliberations. These Correspondents presented their Commissions and were welcomed by the Moderator. Their names were ordered to be added to the Synod Roll.

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REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE C. P. ASSEMBLY.

Dr. Cook, who had been appointed as a Delegate to the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, convened in Quebec, and whose appointment had been communicated to him by telegraph, verbally stated that, though notice of the appointment had reached him at a late period of the Session of that Assembly, yet he had attended several of its Diets and could testify in strong terms to the friendly sentiments towards this Church, and the fervent desire for the accomplishment of Union entertained by the great majority of the members of that Assembly.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow at noon, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with praise and prayer.

DIET II.

At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there;—Thursday, the sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two years:

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. James B. Mullan.

The minutes of yesterday's Diet were read and sustained.

The Clerk was instructed to add the name of the Rev. Thomas Duncan to the Committee on References, Complaints and Appeals and that of the Rev. William Wilson to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE.

Application was made by the Presbytery of Quebec for leave to take Mr. Robert Laing, B.A., Student of Divinity, on public probationary trials for License. A similar application was made by the Presbytery of Kingston in behalf of Messrs. John F. Fraser, B.A. and Joseph Gandier. The Synod, having ascertained that Circular Letters, intimating the intention of these Presbyteries to make said application, had been duly issued, instructed Messrs. Laing, Fraser and Gandier to appear before the Examining Committee.

APPLICATION OF MR. ALBERT WHITING.

There was read an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Perth, transmitting an application of Mr. Albert Whiting, Licentiate of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, New Jersey, of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, to be admitted as a Probationer of this Church. Mr. Whiting's application was referred to the Examining Committee.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE FOR 1872–73.

The Synod appointed the Examining Committee for the ensuing year, as follows:—Dr. Hogg, *Convener;* Mr. Ross (Chatham), *Secretary;* Dr. Muir, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Bain, Dr. Bell, Messrs. Mann, Morrison, Rannie, Lindsay, Mylne, Robert Burnet, David Watson, Wilson, Kenneth Maclennan, James Gordon, Carmichael (West King), Macdonnell, Robert Campbell (Montreal), Smith, Tanner, Daniel M. Gordon, McNish, Lang, Donald Fraser, William Maclennan, Robert Campbell (Macnab and Horton).

MORRIN COLLEGE.

The Synod called for the annual Report of the Governors of Morrin College. Dr. Cook, Principal of said College, made a verbal statement of the condition and prospects of that Institution and agreed to embody the same in a formal written document to be handed in to the Clerk at a subsequent Diet. The Synod unanimously resolved to thank Dr. Cook and to express their gratification at the state of the Institution under his charge, as made known by said statement.

The Synod re-elected the Rev. Charles A. Tanner and the Rev. John Bennett Governors of Morrin College.

MANAGERS OF WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Synod proceeded to the election of three Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in room of those who retired pursuant to the terms of the Act of Incorporation; when it was unanimously agreed to re-elect the Rev. William Simpson, William Darling, Esq., and John Grant, Esq.

MANAGERS OF THE SUSTENTATION FUND.

The Rev. Dr. Jenkins was re-elected Chairman, and Messrs. Kenneth Maclennan and D. J. Macdonnell were re-elected members of the Board of Managers of the Sustentation Fund.

REPORT OF TEMPORALITIES' BOARD.

The Clerk next took up and read the annual Report and accompanying financial statements of the Board of Managers of the Temporalities' Fund, laid on the table of the House yesterday. These were referred for consideration to a Committee, consisting of Mr. Smith, *Convener;* Dr. Bell, Messrs. Kenneth Maclennan, Campbell (Montreal), McGillivray, Ross (Dundee); Mitchell, Craig, Drummond, with instructions to give attention to the matters contained in said documents and report at a subsequent Diet.

REPORT OF THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.*

The twenty-fourth annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, together with the Treasurer's

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financial statements, was called for and read by Mr. Campbell (Montreal), Chairman of the Board. On motion to that effect, the Synod unanimously resolved to receive these documents and refer them to a Committ e, consisting of Dr. Bain, *Convener;* Dr. Neill, Messrs. Ross (Dundee), Muir, James B. Mullan; Davidson, Wilson (Ramsay), with instructions to consider the several points embraced therein and report at an early Diet.

REPORT OF THE SUSTENTATION FUND.*

Mr. Croil presented and read the annual Report and appended financial statements of the Board for managing the Sustentation Fund. These documents were referred to a Committee, consisting of Mr. Bennett, *Convener*; Messrs. John S. Burnet, Davidson, D. J. McLean, Campbell (Macnab and Horton), Gray, Joshua Fraser, John Ferguson, Matthew W. Maclean, Camelon, Edmison; McIlquham, Rutherford, Neil Macdougall, Rettie, Romaine, with instructions to consider the same and report thereon to the Synod at a future Diet.

The Roll was called.

The Rev. Patrick Gray, of Kingston, a Minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and Professor Murray, being present, were asked to sit and deliberate with the House.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

The Clerk read a telegraphic despatch which he had received from the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, suggesting that Thursday, November 14th, be observed as a Day of Thanksgiving, and requesting the concurrence of this Synod in setting apart that day for this purpose. The Synod unanimously resolved to concur with the Canada Presbyterian Church in the observance of said day as a Day of Thanksgiving.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNION.†

Principal Snodgrass, Convener of the Committee appointed to confer with similar Committees of other Presbyterian Churches in the Dominion on the desirableness and practicability of Union, presented a Report, embodying the Minutes of the Conference held on this subject at Montreal with the representatives of these Presbyterian Churches. After deliberation on the topics embraced in said Report, further consideration was deferred until to-morrow.

RECEPTION OF DELEGATES AND CORRESPONDENTS.

Principal Snodgrass introduced to the House the Rev. Wm. Milligan, D.D., Professor of Divinity and Biblical Criticism in the University of Aberdeen, and the Rev. John Marshall Lang, of Morningside, Edin-

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burgh, Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on Correspondence with Foreign Churches. These Ministers of the Church of Scotland, who had been deputed to visit the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and who had availed themselves of the occasion of the annual meeting of Synod to express their fraternal interest in the welfare of this Church, were welcomed by the Moderator, and, after the Synod had engaged in praise and prayer, delivered able and interesting addresses.

Messrs. Duncan and Wilson, Corresponding Members from the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, also addressed the House on the condition and prospects of the Church which they here represented.

The Moderator replied to these addresses in suitable terms.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow at noon, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with praise and prayer.

DIET III.

At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there; Friday, the seventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. James Carmichael (West King).

The Minutes of yesterday's Diet were read and sustained.

MANAGERS OF THE TEMPORALITIES' FUND.

The Synod proceeded to elect four Managers of the Temporalities' Fund in room of those who retired pursuant to the terms of the Act of Incorporation; when it was unanimously agreed to re-elect the Rev. Dr. Cook, the Rev. D. M. Gordon, James Michie, Esq. and William Walker, Esq., members of the Temporalities' Board.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

An understanding was come to as to the time and place of next annual meeting of Synod.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNION.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Union. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously, That the Report be received and the thanks of the Synod be given to the

Convener and other members of the Committee for the efficient manner in which they have discharged the duty committed to them. The Synod resolved to go into Committee of the Whole House. The Moderator called on Mr. Morrison to take the chair. It was determined to consider *seriatim* the several conclusions adopted by the Joint Committee on Union. With regard to the proposed name of the future United Church, it was moved by Mr. Mann and seconded by Mr. M. W. Livingstone, That the proposal of the Joint Committee be accepted and that the name be the "Presbyterian Church of British North America." To this it was moved in amendment by Mr. Joshua Fraser and seconded by Mr. Clark, that the name be the "Presbyterian Church of Canada." A vote having been taken, the motion was carried by a large majority and became the resolution of the Committee.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously resolved to adopt the Basis of Union proposed by the Joint Committee. Said Basis is as follows, viz:—

1. That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the word of God, are the only infallible rule of faith and manners.

2. That the Westminister Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate Standard of this Church, that the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people; it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms regarding the power and duty of the civil magistrate shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion.

3. That the government and worship of this Church shall be in accordance with the recognized principles and practice of Presbyterian Churches, as laid down generally in the "Form of Presbyterial Church Government," and in "The Directory for the public worship of God."

4. That this Church, while cherishing Christian affection towards the whole Church of God, and desiring to hold fraternal intercourse with it in its several branches, as opportunity offers, shall, at the same time, regard itself as being in such ecclesiastical relations to Churches, holding the same doctrine, government and discipline with itself, as that Ministers and Probationers from these Churches shall be received into this Church, subject to such regulations as shall from time to time be adopted.

The Committee of the Whole next took up the consideration of the supplementary resolutions contained in the Minutes of the Joint Committee. The Committee resolved by a majority of 59 to 9, in regard to the Article anent modes of worship, to omit the concluding clause, so that it shall read thus; "That with regard to modes of worship, the practice presently followed by congregations in the matter of worship shall be allowed."

The conclusions, recommended by the Joint Committee respecting the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund—the rights of property belonging to individual congregations and corporate bodies—and the future prosecution of Home and Foreign Missionary operations, were unanimously adopted by the Committee of the Whole. These conclusions are as follows, viz :—

The Committee further agreed to recommend the establishment of an efficient Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the United Church, to which all Ministers and congregations will be expected to contribute ; and that in the meantime a Committee, consisting of Mr. Croil, Convener, the Hon. John McMurrich and Mr. D. Mackay, be appointed to employ an actuary to value the different Funds now in existence, and submit to this Committee an equitable plan for the establishment and future management of the Fund.

The Committee, after full deliberation, resolved to recommend that such legislation should be sought as shall preserve undisturbed all the rights of property belonging to individual congregations and corporate bodies entering into the proposed Union.

The Committee further agreed to express their confident expectation that the United Church will heartily take up and prosecute the Home and Foreign Missionary and benevolent operations of the several Churches, according to their respective claims, and that with regard to the practical work of the Church, and the prosecution of its Schemes, whilst of course the General Assembly shall have the supervision and control of all the work of the Church, and be the final Court of Appeal, yet the Committee recommend that the United Church shall have due regard to such arrangements, through Synods and local Committees, as shall tend most effectually to unite in Christian love and sympathy the various sections of the Church, and at the same time to draw forth the resources and energies of the people in behalf of the work of Christ in the Dominion and throughout the world.

The Committee of the Whole then entered upon consideration of the resolution anent the eventual disposal of the Temporalities' Fund. After lengthened deliberation, the further discussion of the same was postponed until to-morrow.

The Committee rose and reported progress, and the Synod concurred in all the resolutions of the Committee.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow at noon, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with praise and prayer.

DIET IV.

At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there; Saturday, the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two years :—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Donald Fraser.

The Minutes of yesterday's Diet were read and sustained.

DELEGATION FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF U. S.

The Clerk produced and read a Commission from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America appointing the Rev. W. Hogarth, D. D., the Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, and the Hon. J. S. Farrand, of Detroit, Delegates to this Synod, together with a letter from these delegates stating that they had been providentially prevented from attending this meeting, and expressing their deep regret that they were unable in person to present to this Synod the fraternal greetings and Christian salutations of the Church which they represented—a regret the deeper in consideration of the fact that their Assembly had been favoured with Delegations from the Mother Church and from this Synod, which courtesies they desired, with the utmost cordiality, to reciprocate.

The Synod resolved to record their deep regret that they have been deprived of the presence and counsels of these Brethren ; renew the expression of their fraternal regard for the Sister Church in the United States, and assure her of their fervent prayers for her extension and success in doing the work of our Common Lord.

REPORT ON FRENCH MISSION SCHEME.*

The Report of the Committee on the French Mission Scheme was given in and read by Mr. Lang, Convener. It was resolved to refer this to a Committee, consisting of Mr. Morrison, *Convener;* Dr. Williamson, Dr. Neill, Dr. Bain, Messrs. Mowat, Muir, James B. Mullan, John S. Burnet, Macdonnell, D. M. Gordon ; Allan, Craig, Romaine, James Hamilton, with instructions to give due consideration to the proposals embraced therein and report at an early Diet.

SERVICES FOR SABBATH.

The Moderator appointed the representatives of the General Assembly's Committee on Correspondence with Foreign Churches, present

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at this meeting, to conduct public worship in this Church on Sabbath next, as follows:

The Rev. John Marshall Lang, on the forenoon.

The Rev. Professor Milligan, D,D., on the evening.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNION SERVICE.

The Moderator announced that the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon of to-morrow had been recommended by the Committee on arrangements as a suitable hour for the Synodical observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The recommendation was adopted, and the Moderator was requested to preside at the administration of the solemn ordinance.

REPORT ON THE "PRESBYTERIAN."*

Mr. Lang, Convener of the Committee appointed to conduct the "Presbyterian" as a periodical, under the control of the Synod and intended to further the interests of the Church, gave in a Report, which was read. This was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Moderator, the Clerk, the Conveners, Treasurers and Secretaries of the several Boards and Schemes of the Church, and Mr. Black, Mr. Black to be Convener, with instructions to consider the various points contained therein and report at a subsequent Diet.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF TEMPORALITIES' BOARD.

Mr. Ross (Dundee), for the Convener, Mr. Smith, presented a report from the Committee appointed to consider the Report and accompanying financial statements of the Board of Managers of the Temporalities' Fund. Said report is of the following tenor:—

1. Your Committee, having carefully examined the various documents submitted, find them correct and regard the general management of the Fund as in the highest degree satisfactory.
2. Your Committee would suggest that the name of the Rev. Neil McNish, Cornwall, be assigned on the list of the Temporalities' Board a place corresponding to that which it now occupies on the Synod Roll.
3. Your Committee would earnestly recommend that the proposed distribution of the Temporalities' Fund in the event of Union, agreed to at last meeting of Synod, be reconsidered, with a view to its being made the basis of a General Sustentation Fund for the United Church.

The Synod unanimously agreed to adopt the first two paragraphs of the report and allow the third to lie over for the present, to be taken into consideration when the clause of the Report of the Committee on Union relating to the Temporalities' Fund again comes up for discussion before the House.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Union. The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Mr. Morrison in the chair. The resolution of the Joint Committee anent the Temporalities' Fund was again taken up. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. William Mitchell and seconded by Mr. David Watson, That the resolutions passed at the last annual meeting of the Synod on this subject be, and are hereby, annulled, and that, in the event of Union being consummated, the said Fund shall be made the basis of a General Sustentation Fund for the United Church. To this motion it was moved in amendment by Mr. Barker and seconded by Mr. Galbraith, That so much of the resolution of Synod, 1871, on page 35 of the Printed Minutes, ending with the word "purposes" on the sixth line from the bottom, and to the end of the paragraph on page 37, be rescinded, and the following words substituted therefor, That, so soon as vested rights are secured, the interest accruing from the principal sum shall be appropriated as follows:— $—— annually towards the proper and efficient equipment of the Theological chairs in the University of Queen's College and Morrin College, and the balance to the support of the Home Mission Schemes of the United Church. To this it was moved as a further amendment by Mr. Mackerras and seconded by Mr. D. M. Gordon, Whereas the Committee on Union desire instructions as to the mode of making provision for the payment of two hundred dollars ($200) per annum to all Ministers on the Roll at the time of Union until such time as they become beneficiaries of the Temporalities' Fund, the Synod refer the matter to the wisdom of the Committee to arrange such method of provision as they may deem best; drawing, if necessary (but only as an extreme measure, when no other method of meeting the difficulty can be devised), upon the Capital of the Fund—the same to be repaid to Capital before any distribution of the Principal Fund take place.

A vote having been taken, the second amendment was carried by a large majority over the first amendment and afterwards over the motion, and became the resolution of the Committee of the Whole. The Committee rose and reported progress to the Synod. The question having been put; "shall the resolution reported from the Committee of the whole become the judgment of the House"?, it was moved by Mr. John Davidson and seconded by Mr. Simpson in amendment to a motion for its adoption, That the resolution of the Committee be taken into consideration at a future Diet. A vote having been taken, the amendment was rejected and a motion for adopting the resolution of the Committee of the Whole was carried. From this finding of the Synod Mr. David Watson and Mr. Mitchell dissented, because the Temporalities' Fund had not, in the event of Union, been adopted as the basis of a General Sustentation Fund; and Mr. John

Davidson dissented, because the final consideration of the question had not been postponed to a future time.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place on Monday at noon, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with praise and prayer.

At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there;—Sabbath, the ninth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two years :—

Which day the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed to the members of the Synod. Communicants belonging to St. Andrew's Church and the several Evangelical Churches in this City were invited to participate in the solemn ordinance.

The religious services were conducted by the Moderator, Dr. Masson and Mr. Wilson, of Chatham, N.B.

Messrs. James Croil, John L. Morris, James Lillie, James Craig, Andrew Drummond, George Davidson, Archibald Barker and David Allan, officiated as Elders on this occasion.

DIET V.

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Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Robert Campbell (Macnab and Horton).

The Minutes of Saturday's Diet and of the Sabbath's Communion Services were read and sustained.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Examining Committee was presented by Mr. Ross (Chatham), Secretary, bearing that the Committee have carefully examined Messrs. John F. Fraser, B.A., Joseph Gandier and Robert Laing, B.A., who were referred to them, on the prescribed subjects of examination ; and that they have been highly satisfied with their proficiency and attainments. In terms of the recommendation of the Committee, the Synod granted leave to the Presbyteries of Kingston and Quebec to take Messrs. Fraser, Gandier and Laing on public probationary trials for license.

Further, the Committee reported favourably on the application of Mr. Albert Whiting. The Synod unanimously agreed to admit Mr. Whiting as a Probationer of this Church without undergoing the probation of one year required in such cases by the Act of Synod, and authorize the Presbytery of Perth to proceed at once with his Ordination, if they see fit, in order to render more efficient his labours as a Missionary in their destitute and remote fields.

SYNOD AND COMMISSION RECORDS.

The Synod heard and adopted the report of their Committee appointed to revise the Synod and Commission Records, bearing that the same have been carefully and correctly kept, and instructed their Moderator to attest them accordingly.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK.*

Mr. Morrison, Convener of the Committee on Christian Life and Work, presented and read the first annual Report. Deliberation on the important matters contained in this Report was deferred to a subsequent Diet.

SALE OF MANSE AND GLEBE IN LITCHFIELD.

There was read an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Ottawa, of date January 10, 1872, embodying an application from the congregation of Litchfield, craving leave to sell their present Manse and Glebe in Lower Litchfield, which, owing to the altered character of the field, has become unsuitable for the residence of the Minister of Litchfield, and to divide the proceeds accruing from the sale thereof between the churches of Havelock and Portage-du-fort, as may hereafter be agreed on. The leave craved was granted.

RECEPTION OF THE VERY REV. PRINCIPAL CAMPBELL, D.D.

The Clerk produced and read a letter which he had received from the Rev. R. H. Muir, Convener of the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, intimating that the Very Reverend Peter Colin Campbell, D.D., Principal of the University of Aberdeen, intended to visit this country, and that the Colonial Committee had requested him, if consistent with his health and convenience, to attend this meeting of Synod and convey to it their fraternal greetings.

Principal Campbell, being present, was introduced to the House and welcomed by the Moderator. Thereafter he addressed the Synod—dwelling on the pleasure which it gave him, as a former Minister of this Church and Professor in Queen's College, to attend this meeting

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and assuring the Synod of the undiminished and warm interest cherished by the Colonial Committee, whom he was commissioned to represent, in all that concerned the welfare of this Church. The Moderator thanked the Very Reverend Principal Campbell for his presence and for the address with which he had just favoured the House.

In view of the presence at this meeting of the Very Rev. Principal Campbell, D.D., commissioned to represent the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, the Rev. Professor Milligan, D.D., the Rev. John Marshall Lang and the Rev. Dr. Masson, the Synod agreed to record the great satisfaction with which they have received the visit of these distinguished Ministers of the Church of Scotland and the delight with which they have listened to the greetings conveyed by them. The Synod realize with gratitude that the appointment of the Very Rev. Principal Campbell, the special commission of the Rev. Dr. Masson to visit our Gaelic-speaking vacancies and the presence of the Rev. Dr. Milligan and Mr. Lang are fresh proofs of the interest and affection with which this Church is regarded by the Parent Church. The Synod confidently hope that the kind sympathy, the fraternal counsels, the earnest and able preaching of these Ministers will encourage the hearts and stimulate the zeal of all the members of the House in the great work of extending and strengthening this Branch of the much loved and honoured Church of our fathers.

DELEGATE FROM THE C. P. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

There was next read an Extract Minute of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, of date the 6th inst., appointing the Rev. Patrick Gray, of Kingston, a Commissioner to represent that Body at the present meeting. Mr. Gray, being present, was cordially received by the House and addressed the Synod—conveying the Christian and brotherly regards of the Church which he was appointed to represent and expressing the ardent hope that ere long a stable and harmonious union of the two Churches may be effected and that all obstacles to this desirable consummation may be speedily removed.

MEMORIAL OF THE REV. KENNETH MACLENNAN.

There was presented and read a Memorial from the Rev. Kenneth Maclennan, M.A., stating that, while Minister at Whitby, he had suffered a pecuniary loss arising from the misappropriation of funds accruing from the sale of a Glebe belonging to that congregation, for which loss he regarded the Presbytery of Toronto as to some extent responsible, and craving the Synod to appoint a Committee to investigate and consider the circumstances of the case with a view to his obtaining some redress. The Synod resolved to accede to the request contained in the Memorial and appointed a Committee, consisting of Mr. Rannie, *Convener;* Messrs. Campbell (Montreal), Smith; Croil, Craig, in terms of said request.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNION.

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7. That the Record of the Presbytery of Glengary has not been presented to the Court.

The Synod unanimously decerned in terms of the report, and, no other observation having been offered in regard to any of the Records, instructed the Clerk to attest them accordingly.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MR. MACLENNAN'S MEMORIAL.

Mr. Rannie, Convener of the Committee appointed to consider the Memorial of the Rev. Kenneth Maclennan, reported that, having heard Mr. Maclennan and members of the Presbytery of Toronto, they find that the Presbytery are not prepared with the documents which they consider necessary in this case, and therefore they recommend, with the concurrence of Mr. Maclennan and members of the Presbytery of Toronto, that the Synod appoint a Commission, consisting of Mr. Smith, *Convener;* Dr. Bell; Messrs. Muir, Craig and George Davidson, to meet at Whitby on an early day, with full powers to deal with and dispose of the subject of Mr. Maclennan's Memorial and report to next meeting of Synod. The Synod unanimously decerned in terms of the report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO RETIRE.

Mr. Campbell (Montreal), Convener of the Committee appointed to consider the applications of Ministers for leave to retire from the active duties of the Ministry, gave in a report. In terms of its recommendations, the following deliverance was unanimously adopted by the Synod:—

1. That the name of the Rev. Francis Nicol be placed upon the list of Retired Ministers, and that the Sustentation Board be instructed to grant him the same allowance from the Fund under their management as if he were actively engaged in the Ministry of the Church; and further, that application on his behalf be made by the Presbytery of Toronto, within the bounds of which he resides, to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, on whose staff of Missionaries he was at the time his health failed, for the continuance of a grant to him from their funds—the Synod very strongly recommending the case to the favourable consideration of the Colonial Committee.

2. That the allowance of the Rev. John Whyte from the Temporalities' Fund be continued to him for another year; it being understood that he shall furnish from time to time a medical certificate as to the state of his health.

3. That, in consideration of the Rev. William Johnson's having resumed the discharge of Ministerial work in connection with the Synod, he be allowed to retain his allowance from the Temporalities' Fund.

The Synod, further, resolved to adopt it as a rule that Presbyterial certificates as to their ecclesiastical status be from time to time required from all Ministers drawing allowances from any of the Funds of the Church, who reside beyond the bounds of the Synod.

REPORT ON MISSION TO THE LUMBERMEN.*

Mr. D. M. Gordon, Convener, presented and read the annual Report of the Committee appointed to manage the Mission to the Lumbermen in the valley of the Ottawa and its tributaries. It was moved by Principal Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. James B. Mullan and passed unanimously, That the Report be adopted; that five hundred copies of it be printed and circulated; that the Synod regard with satisfaction the progress of the Mission; that the Committee be re-appointed, and the cordial thanks of the Synod conveyed to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for the efficient and successful prosecution of this important and interesting work.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Dr. Bain, Convener of the Committee appointed to consider the Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, gave in a report. Said report is as follows, viz:—

The Committee recommend to the Synod the following as a deliverance:—

That the Synod receive the Report and express their thankfulness to God for the success vouchsafed to this important Scheme of the Church during the twenty-five years it has now been in operation.

That, while rejoicing in the cordial and generous support which it has received from most of the congregations of the Church, the Synod cannot but regard it as a matter of great disappointment and regret that it appears from the Report that a number of congregations, disregarding the reiterated injunctions of the Synod, are in arrears to the Fund—some of them having contributed nothing to it for a number of years.

That the Synod request the Treasurer to forward to the Clerk of each Presbytery a list of the congregations in arrear within its bounds, and that each Presbytery be instructed, at its first ordinary meeting after receiving said list, to take action with the congregations in arrear, so as to have said arrears paid up, and to report to next meeting of Synod their diligence in this matter.

That the Synod approve of the amendment made in Article thirteenth, section fourth, of the Rules and Regulations for the Fund, and rejoice in the increase of the allowance which the Managers feel themselves authorized to make to the Annuitants upon the Fund.

That the Synod regard with much satisfaction the legacy to the Fund bequeathed by the widow of one of the original members of the Board, and would commend to other friends of the Church, possessing the means, this mode of aiding the Scheme.

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That the Synod record their thanks to the Hon. Alexander Campbell and the Hon. Alexander Morris for their kind services in connection with the Bill for amending the Act of Incorporation.

That the Synod anew impress on Presbyteries the importance of notifying the Board without delay of the death of any Minister, or of any Widow or Minor, that may occur within their bounds; and also instruct Presbyteries to make full and immediate returns to the Secretary of the names of Ministers within their bounds who have wives and children.

That the Synod, further, tender cordial thanks to the Board for their careful and judicious management of this trust and anew record their high appreciation of the long and valuable services rendered by the Treasurer, Archibald Ferguson, Esq.

The Synod unanimously resolved to decern in terms of this report.

ASSESSORS.

Mr. James Gordon was appointed an Assessor to sit with the Presbytery of Quebec to enable that Presbytery to form a quorum for the despatch of competent business.

Mr. Camelon was appointed Assessor with the Presbytery of Saugeen for a similar purpose.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE "PRESBYTERIAN."

Mr. Black, Convener of the Committee appointed to consider the Report of the Committee of Management of the "Presbyterian," gave in a report. Said report is of the following tenor, viz:—

The Committee recommend that the present Editorial Committee, consisting of Mr. Lang, *Convener;* Dr. Jenkins, Mr. Black and John L. Morris, Esq., be re-appointed to conduct the "Presbyterian," with Mr. Croil, Agent of the Church, as Editor, whose salary and other expenses connected with the publication shall be defrayed out of the funds of the Periodical, as the Committee deem best; that an office be obtained for the management of the "Presbyterian" and such other Schemes as may be there accommodated, the expenses connected with which shall be paid out of the funds of the "Presbyterian" and of the Temporalities' and Sustentation Boards—it being understood that the funds of these two last named Boards contribute each four hundred dollars ($400,) towards the payment of Mr. Croil's salary, as Agent of the Church; and that the Paper be henceforth despatched from the aforesaid office, to which all communications connected with the "Presbyterian" shall be addressed.

On motion of Mr. Muir, seconded by Mr. Mylne, the Synod unanimously resolved to receive and adopt this report and convey their warm thanks to Mr. Lang, Convener of the Editorial Committee, for his diligence in securing the success that has attended the publication of the "Presbyterian" in its new form.

SYNOD FUND.*

The annual Report of the Finance Committee and accompanying

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financial statements of the Synod Fund were read by Mr. Kenneth Maclennan, Convener. The Synod unanimously resolved to adopt the Report; approve of its recommendations; thank the Convener for his diligence; and re-appoint the Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF SUSTENTATION FUND.

Mr. Joshua Fraser presented and read the report of the Committee appointed to consider the Report and accompanying financial statements of the Board of Managers of the Sustentation Fund. The Synod unanimously adopted the following as their deliverance on the subjects embraced therein:—Sustain the Board in the payment of one hundred dollars ($100) to the Rev. H. J. Borthwick for Missionary services rendered in the Presbytery of Ottawa; enjoin Presbyteries to forward to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board a list of the apportionments to each congregation, in order that he may report the deficiency of each congregation to the meeting of Presbytery held next before the meeting of Synod; further enjoin Presbyteries to co-operate actively with the Board so as to secure the full and regular payment of the amount apportioned to each congregation; and anew recommend the adoption of the Schedule, Envelope or other suitable method for obtaining systematic and periodical contributions to the Fund in each congregation.

OVERTURE ANENT STATUS OF MINISTERS ENGAGED IN WORK OF FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

There was produced and read an Overture, signed by the following members of Synod, viz:—Messrs. Clark, Mackerras, George Bell, Patterson, Wilson, William Maclennan, Kenneth Maclennan, Morrison, Lang, Smith, George D. Ferguson, Donald Fraser; Craig, craving the Synod to adopt the following as an Act of this Church:—

That any Ordained Minister of this Church, who may, by permission of Synod, be engaged in French Evangelization work, shall retain his status as a Minister of this Church and all the rights and privileges thereunto belonging, and such Minister shall be a member of the Presbytery within whose bounds he may labour, and also a member of this Synod.

It was moved by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. James B. Mullan, That the Synod decern in terms of the Overture, pass the same into an Interim Act, and send it down to Presbyteries for consideration, with instructions to send up their opinions thereon to next meeting of Synod. To this it was moved in amendment by Mr. Campbell (Montreal), and seconded by Mr. J. S. Burnet, That the Overture lie on the table of the Synod. A vote having been taken, the motion was carried by a majority of voices, and the Moderator declared the same to be the judgment of the House. From this decision Messrs. Campbell (Montreal), John S. Burnet and John Davidson dissented on the ground that said Act is a violation of the Constitution of this Church.

The Rev. John Gray, of Orillia, a Minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church, being present, was invited to sit and deliberate with the Court.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Clerk presented a report from the Committee on References, Complaints and Appeals, stating that they had given lengthened and anxious consideration to five Appeals growing out of changes in the postures used in the public worship of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal; that two of these Appeals had been withdrawn; and that the findings suggested by the Committee to the Synod in the several cases had received the acquiescence of the several parties concerned.

Papers on the subject were held as read; and the Synod unanimously adopted the following as their deliverances on the several Appeals in order, viz:—

(1). Morris *vs.* the Presbytery of Montreal.

Mr. John L. Morris—having been recommended to withdraw his Appeal on the ground that, though the position assumed by him may be technically correct, yet Mr. Johnston's Appeal *nominally* such, may be regarded as *really* a Complaint, and, according to the Form of Polity, Book III. cap. VIII. sec. 4, paragraph 3; "any person may have access to a Superior Court by Memorial, which may contain a complaint against an Inferior Court for proceedings in which he feels aggrieved"—acquiesced in the recommendation and withdrew his Appeal, more especially from a desire to clear the way for at once dealing with the merits of the judgment of the Session complained of by Mr. Johnston.

(2). Johnston *vs.* the Presbytery of Montreal.

The Synod are of opinion that the Kirk Session had good grounds for judgment against the Appellant, had they proceeded formally, and therefore, so far as concerns the merits of the case, dismiss the Appeal. But, inasmuch as the Polity of the Church prescribes that, before sentence can be pronounced on any person accused of an offence, a formal charge shall be served upon him, which procedure does not appear in this case to have been complied with, *quoad ultra* sustain the Appeal.

Further, inasmuch as the conduct of the Appellant, in respect of the Circular which he issued, arose out of a misunderstanding of the proceedings of the Kirk Session, the Synod regret that the Kirk Session, instead of passing upon him so severe a sentence as suspension from the office of the Eldership, had not, in the first instance, adopted the milder course of admonition and censure, and, at the same time, in the opinion of the Synod, the reputation of the Appellant for truthfulness and integrity is in no wise compromised. And, inasmuch as the Kirk Session had expressed, and do still express, their anxious desire to secure the co-operation of the Appellant in their efforts to promote the peace and prosperity of the congregation, and have shown this desire by withdrawing their sentence of suspension, the Synod hope that, in this respect, the Appellant will cordially comply with the wish of the Kirk Session.

(3). Maclennan et al. *vs.* the Presbytery of Montreal.

The Synod dismiss the Appeal on the ground that there is nothing illegal in the changes of posture complained of and nothing censurable in the means employed to ascertain the mind of the congregation in this matter, and approve of the finding of the Presbytery declining to interfere with said changes; but express regret that the Session did not, in accordance with the resolution of Synod, 1862 (*vide* Printed Minutes, pp. 27, lines 11-15), proceed with greater caution in sanctioning these changes in the face of considerable opposition.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNION.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Union as regards the resolution anent the question of the Colleges belonging to the several negotiating Churches. After lengthened deliberation, the Synod appointed a Committee, consisting of Principal Snodgrass, *Convener;* Messrs. Campbell (Montreal), Muir, Clark, Macdonnell, D. M. Gordon and Croil, with instructions to prepare a suitable deliverance on the subject and report to-morrow morning.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with praise and prayer.

DIET VII.

At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there; Wednesday, the twelfth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. David Camelon.

The Minutes of yesterday's Diet were read and sustained.

ADDRESS TO LORD DUFFERIN.

On motion to that effect, the Synod determined to appoint a Committee, consisting of Mr. Lang, *Convener;* Messrs. Mackerras, D. M. Gordon, Drummond and the Hon. Alexander Morris, to prepare and present an Address of Welcome to Lord Dufferin, recently appointed Governor-General of Canada, on the occasion of his arrival in the Dominion.

The Rev. Professor Bryce, of Manitoba, a Minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church, being present, was invited to sit and deliberate with the Court.

OVERTURE ANENT HONORARY DEGREES.

The Synod resolved to receive and consider an Overture anent Honorary Degrees, sent up by Mr. John S. Burnet, which the Committee on Bills and Overtures had declined to transmit. It was agreed to allow the same to lie on the table of the Synod until next meeting.

ADDRESSES TO THE QUEEN* AND GOVERNOR GENERAL.†

Addresses to Her Majesty the Queen and His Excellency the Governor-General were read, adopted and ordered to be transmitted in the usual way.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRENCH MISSION SCHEME.

There was presented and read a report of the Committee appointed to examine and consider the Report and accompanying documents on the French Mission Scheme. In terms of its recommendations, the Synod unanimously agreed to permit the Committee to carry into effect, if possible, an amalgamation of our Mission with the French Canadian Missionary Society and appoint a Committee, consisting of Mr. Lang, *Convener;* Dr. Jenkins; Messrs. Campbell (Montreal), Black; Croil, Lillie, John L. Morris and Alexander Macpherson, with power to enter into negotiations with the said French Canadian Missionary Society and, if practicable, complete the desired Union, as well as to arrange all matters affecting either our Missionaries or the Church property, &c., presently used by the Synod's French Mission. The Synod further authorize Mr. Croil to act as Treasurer of the still existing French Mission and receive any subscriptions or collections which may yet be available for defraying remaining liabilities or current expenditure.

REPORT ON MISSION TO MANITOBA.‡

Mr. Macdonnell, Convener of the Committee appointed to arrange and manage a Mission to Manitoba, presented and read a Report with accompanying financial statements. Professor Bryce, by request, addressed the House on the nature and wants of the Mission fields in Manitoba. The Synod thanked Professor Bryce for his interesting address. It was moved by Mr. Donald Fraser, seconded by Mr. Clark and passed unanimously, That the Synod receive and adopt the Report; re-appoint the Committee with the addition of Messrs. Joshua Fraser and D. M. Gordon; and express the satisfaction with which they look forward to the near prospect of having one or more Missionaries engaged in that important field.

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Further, the Synod authorized any Presbytery of the Church to ordain Mr. Thomas Hart, M.A., Licentiate, who is likely to proceed as Missionary to Manitoba, and empower the Committee to confer with Professor Bryce and arrange all details connected with the Mission, in the event of a Missionary proceeding to Manitoba.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNION.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Union. Principal Snodgrass gave in a report from the Committee appointed last evening to prepare and submit a deliverance on the subject of the Colleges connected with the negotiating Churches. In terms of its recommendations, the Synod, on motion of Mr. Kenneth Maclennan, seconded by Mr. Smith, unanimously resolved—

That the negotiating Churches shall enter into Union with the Theological and Literary Institutions which they now have; and that application be made to Parliament for such legislation as will bring Queen's University and College, Knox College, the Presbyterian College at Montreal, Morrin College and the Theological Hall at Halifax, into relations to the United Church similar to those which they now hold to their respective churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government and functions on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist. At the same time, so far as the terms of this resolution affect the Colleges connected with this Church, this Synod is willing that the United Church shall not be required to elect Trustees of the Arts' Departments of these Colleges.

In reference to Theological Colleges and Faculties, this Synod has a decided preference for the election of Theological Professors by governing Boards instead of by Church Courts and desires to ascertain how far the views of the other negotiating Churches are in accord with this preference.

As regards "State grants for Denominational Colleges in these Provinces," as this is a matter of expediency, this Synod holds the opinion that there ought to be full liberty to accept or reject these as circumstances warrant.

The Synod then re-appointed their Committee, with instructions to govern themselves in their deliberations and proceedings in accordance with these resolutions and to report to next meeting of Synod.

The Clerk produced and read three reasons, given in by Mr. William Mitchell in support of his dissent from the finding adopted by the Synod at Saturday's Diet in regard to the final disposal of the Temporalities' Fund, in the event of Union. The first two were received and ordered to be kept *in retentis.*

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Christian Life and Work, laid over from a former Diet. After due

deliberation, it was moved by Mr. Muir, seconded by Mr. M. W. Livingstone and passed unanimously, That the Synod express regret that so many congregations should have failed to make returns and mourn over the evils which the Report reveals, such as intemperance, worldliness, the neglect of family worship on the part of so many of the people, and the want of co-operation with pastors on the part of so many Elders in caring for the flock. The Synod hail with thankfulness the signs of life recorded—the fact that there are so many earnest workers engaged every Lord's Day in the instruction of youth and otherwise, that so many of the congregations maintain meetings for prayer and the reading and exposition of the Holy Scriptures, that there is so great faithfulness in the matter of Pastoral visitation, that there is a growing sensitiveness throughout the Church in regard to the evils complained of and an increasing concern on the part of office-bearers for a higher life in the people. With reference to the suggestions of the Committee, especially those bearing upon family worship, intemperance, prayer-meetings and the duty of Elders, the Synod commend them to the careful consideration of Kirk-Sessions and instruct their Ministers to use diligence in bringing them before the people in the way which they deem best and in fully making known the mind of the Synod on the whole subject; and to this end authorize the insertion of this Report with the deliverance thereon in the pages of the "Presbyterian," with a view to have them in this way brought under the notice of as many as possible of the families connected with our Church. Further, the Synod thank the Committee, especially the Convener, for their diligence; re-appoint them, with power to add to their number; and enjoin all Kirk-Sessions to secure fuller returns to any series of questions that may be prepared and issued by the Committee.

REPORTS ON QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.*

Principal Snodgrass presented and read the annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the University of Queen's College. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Campbell (Montreal) and passed unanimously, That the Report be received and adopted; that the Synod record their gratification at the improved financial position of Queen's College and the encouraging increase of Students; and express anew their confidence in the judicious and economical management of the affairs of the College.

In connection with this there was read a Report from the Executive Committee appointed to provide a Supplementary Endowment for Queen's College. It was moved by Dr. Bain, seconded by Mr. James Gordon and passed unanimously, That the Synod receive and very cordially approve of the Report; learn with much pleasure the remarkable success which has attended the Endowment of Queen's College; express their deep feeling of indebtedness to Principal Snodgrass and Professor Mackerras for their unwearied devotion in the work of that Endowment; and hope that all such congregations, as have not yet completely paid up the amounts subscribed by them, will take early and active steps to fulfil their obligations.

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REPORT ON THE SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY SCHEME.*

The Report of the Committee on the Scholarship and Bursary Scheme, having been called for, was presented by Dr. Williamson, Convener, and read. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. D. M. Gordon, seconded by Mr. C. A. Tanner and passed unanimously, That the Synod receive the Report and thank the Committee for their diligence; learn with satisfaction the increase, in so far, of the contributions to the Fund during the past year; enjoin Presbyteries to see that the congregations within their bounds do their duty in making collections for this important Scheme—it being understood that Sessions, desirous of aiding young men attending Morrin College with a view to enter the Ministry, shall be at liberty to do so; earnestly urge individual Ministers and members to seek out and encourage young men of piety to dedicate themselves to the work of the Holy Ministry; and re-appoint the Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Clerk brought up from the Committee on References, Complaints and Appeals papers connected with an Appeal, Burnet *vs.* the Presbytery of Hamilton. Papers were held as read. The Clerk read a communication which he had received from Mr. Burnet, intimating that he did not desire to present any opposition to the recognition of a second congregation in Hamilton. Owing to the terms of this communication and the fact that Mr. Burnet did not appear to support his Appeal, said Appeal was held to be fallen from.

OVERTURE ANENT SHORTENING THE CURRICULUM IN CERTAIN CASES.

There was produced and read an Overture, transmitted by the Presbytery of Montreal. Said Overture is in the following terms, viz:—

> Whereas there is reason to believe that there are many young men in the Church who, having reached the age of maturity and having become the subjects of serious religious impressions, desire to devote themselves wholly to the service of Jesus Christ, but who are deterred from entertaining their wish to become Ministers on account of the long curriculum at present demanded by the Church from candidates for the Holy Ministry, inasmuch as the best period of their lives would be spent in the work of mere preparation; and whereas it is desirable, in the circumstances of our Church, to encourage and make use of such young men of well stored minds and earnest piety as

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have given satisfactory evidence of their possessing gifts of speech and other endowments qualifying them to impress, instruct and persuade their fellowmen, and to facilitate their admission into the Ministry, it is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Montreal, That the Synod shall take the premises into consideration and recognize the expediency of being more ready than hitherto to use the power, which, by the constitution of the Church, it undoubtedly possesses to meet such cases, by shortening the curriculum to be undergone by young men of the class referred to, who display a competent knowledge of the English language, so as to admit them at once into the Theological classes; it being understood that they should during their Divinity course attend also such literary classes as may be deemed necessary by the Synod, or by the Presbytery of the bounds within which they reside, or by any other authority which the Synod may appoint for superintending and regulating such cases.

Mr. Campbell (Montreal) was heard in support of said Overture. It was moved by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Muir and passed unanimously, That the Overture be sent down to Presbyteries for consideration, with instructions to report their opinions thereon to next meeting; and that, meanwhile, the Ministers of the Church be asked to call the attention of suitable young men to the claims which the Holy Ministry has upon them.

OVERTURE ANENT CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FROM CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

There was read an Overture, signed by Messrs. Bennett and Muir, members of Synod, craving the Synod to add to the present trial exercises of candidates for License and Ordination the following, viz:—what is commonly called a morning prayer in writing, and to give in writing the songs of praise to be sung as well as the lessons to be read suitable to the subject of the popular sermon, with a view to the maintenance of a close connection between the several parts of public worship. Said Overture was sent down to the Examining Committee, with instructions to that Committee to give earnest consideration to its suggestions.

REPORT ON STATISTICS.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics, which was presented and read by Mr. Croil, Convener. Whereupon the following deliverance was moved by Mr. McCaul, seconded by Mr. Campbell (Montreal) and passed unanimously; receive and adopt the Report; enjoin those congregations that have not forwarded returns to the Convener to do so at the earliest possible opportunity; instruct the Committee to take steps to have the Report printed in the "Presbyterian" as well as an Appendix to the Synod Minutes; and tender cordial thanks to the Convener, Mr. Croil, for the remarkable diligence which he has displayed in this matter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORM OF POLITY.

Dr. Bell, Convener, presented and read the Report of the Committee on Styles and Forms of Procedure. Said report is as follows:—

The Committee recommend that certain specified verbal changes be made in the Questions for License and Ordination, in accordance with the recommendations of Presbyteries. With these changes made, the Committee recommend that the Questions and Formulas be adopted by the Synod and declared a part of the Standing Laws of the Church.

Respecting Book IV of the Polity of the Church, the Committee report that they have carefully revised said Book and recommend that clauses therein, which have become obsolete, be omitted—that a few verbal alterations be introduced—and that the enactments of the Synod at its last three Sessions be codified and introduced in their proper places. A detailed statement of these changes is hereto appended. With these alterations concurred in by the Synod, the Committee recommend that the Synod adopt and pass Book IV of the Polity, declaring it to be the Standing Law of the Church, and further declaring that all enactments of the Synod, which are inconsistent therewith or not contained therein, shall not be held as being in force and effect as Standing Laws.

It was moved by Mr. McCaul, seconded by Mr. J. B. Mullan and passed unanimously, That the Report be received and adopted and the Committee continued; Dr. Bell, Convener.

The Questions and Formulas for License and Ordination, thus amended, are as follows:—

QUESTIONS FOR LICENSE.

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the supreme rule of faith and manners?
2. Do you believe the Westminster Confession of Faith, the subordinate standard of this Church, to be founded on the Word of God and agreeable thereto, and will you adhere thereto in your teaching?
3. Do you own the purity of worship practised in this Church, and do you promise to conform to the same?
4. Do you believe the Government of this Church by Kirk Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods and General Assemblies, to be founded on the Word of God and agreeable thereto?
5. Do you engage, in dependence on the aid of God's Holy Spirit, faithfully and diligently to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as you shall have opportunity?
6. Do you promise, through the grace of God, to lead a holy and circumspect life?

FORMULA.

I do hereby declare that I believe the Westminster Confession of Faith, the subordinate standard of this Church, to be founded on the Word of God and agreeable thereto, and I engage as a Preacher of the Gospel to adhere to the same; that I own the purity of worship practised in this Church, and I promise to observe all public Ordinances

as they are authorized; that I believe the government of this Church by Kirk Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods and General Assemblies to be founded on the Word of God and agreeable thereto, and I engage as a Preacher of the Gospel to conform to the same.

QUESTIONS FOR ORDINATION.

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the supreme rule of faith and manners?
2. Do you believe the Westminster Confession of Faith, the subordinate standard of this Church, to be founded on the Word of God and agreeable thereto, and will you adhere thereto in your teaching?
3. Do you own the purity of worship practised in this Church, and do you engage to conform to the same, and to observe all public ordinances, as they are authorized?
4. Do you believe the Government of this Church by Kirk Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods and General Assemblies to be founded on the Word of God and agreeable thereto, and do you engage, as a Minister of this Church, to conform to the same?
5. Are not zeal for the honour of God, love to Jesus Christ and desire of saving souls, your great motives and chief inducements to enter into the Holy Ministry?
6. Do you engage, in dependence on the aid of God's Holy Spirit, diligently to instruct the people, committed to your charge, out of the Holy Scriptures; duly to administer the sacraments according to Christ's institution; and faithfully to discharge all other parts of the Ministerial work?
7. Will you be diligent in prayer, in the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, that you may be able thereby to teach wholesome doctrine, and to withstand and convince the gainsayers?
8. Do you promise to submit yourself in the spirit of meekness to the admonitions of the brethren of this Presbytery, and to be subject to them and to the Superior Judicatories of this Church and to maintain according to your power the unity and peace of this Church against error and schism?
9. Do you engage in the strength of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, to lead a holy and circumspect life, so that you may be an example to the flock?
10. Have you used any undue methods, either by yourself or others, in procuring this Call?
11. Do you accept and close with the Call to be the pastor of this Congregation, and promise through grace to perform all the duties of a faithful Minister of the Gospel among this people?

Add the following paragraphs:—

When Ordination is not accompanied by Induction to a Pastoral charge, omit questions 10 and 11.

In the case of a translation from one charge to another, the following questions shall be asked:—

1. Do you adhere unto and promise in the strength of Divine grace to perform the solemn obligations entered into by you on receiving Ordination?
2. Same as 10 at Ordination.
3. Same as 11 at Ordination.

FORMULA TO BE SIGNED BY INTRANTS AT ORDINATION OR INDUCTION.

I hereby declare that I believe the Westminster Confession of Faith, the subordinate standard of this Church, to be founded on the Word of God and agreeable thereto, and I engage, as a Minister of this Church, to adhere to the same; that I own the purity of worship practised in this Church,—and I promise to observe all public ordinances as they are authorized; that I believe the government of this Church by Kirk Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods and General Assemblies to be founded on the Word of God and agreeable thereto; and I engage, as a Minister of this Church, to conform to the same; and I promise, in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ, to discharge diligently and faithfully all the parts of the Ministerial work, to the edification of the Body of Christ.

Book IV of the Form of Polity, as finally amended and adopted, is as follows:—

CODIFICATION OF SPECIAL ENACTMENTS OF THE SYNOD.

CHAPTER I.—POSITION AND RELATIONS OF THE CHURCH.

1. *Resolution of Convention. June* 8, 1831.

That this Convention of Ministers and Elders in connection with the Church of Scotland, representing their respective congregations, do now form themselves into a Synod to be called *the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland*, leaving it to the Venerable the General Assembly to determine the particular nature of that connection, which shall subsist between this Synod and the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

2. *Extract from the Declaratory Enactment of the General Assembly*, 1833.

"That it is expedient and proper for ordained ministers of the Church of Scotland connected with fixed congregations in any of the British Colonies to form themselves, where circumstances permit, into Presbyteries and Synods, adhering to the standards of this Church, and maintaining her form of worship and government.

"That a Standing Committee shall be named by the General Assembly to correspond with such Churches in the Colonies for the purpose of giving advice on any question with regard to which they may choose to consult the Church of Scotland, and affording them such aid, as it may be in the power of the Committee to give in all matters affecting their rights and interests."

The Synod received the same as part of the constitution of this Church.

3. *Church Government. July* 11, 1843.

The Synod direct the Ministers of the Church to bring the subject of Church government more fully and prominently before their Congregations, from time to time, and Presbyteries are enjoined to confer

occasionally as to the best way in which this subject may be introduced in the course of pastoral ministrations, and to take order that it is so introduced by each Minister.

4. *Act anent relations with other Churches. July* 9, 1844.

Whereas the peace and well-being of the Church in this Province are at the present time seriously endangered by doubts and difficulties respecting the position of this Church, the Synod resolves and declares :—

1. That the spiritual and ecclesiastical jurisdiction of this Synod, notwithstanding any interpretation which may have been, or may be put on its "connexion with the Church of Scotland," has always been, now is, and ought to be free, final and uncontrolled.

2. That the members of this Synod feel themselves called on by the present circumstances of the Church to pledge themselves to maintain such supreme jurisdiction of the Synod over all its members and over the Church in this Colony, against all interference from any quarter whatever; and to frame an Act declaring such supreme jurisdiction—the said Act to be read over to all Ministers and Probationers, before their admission into the Synod, to the end that it may be clearly understood by them, that the maintenance of such jurisdiction is a condition of their admission.

3. That the Presbyteries under the jurisdiction of this Synod be directed to receive Ministers and Probationers from all Presbyterian Churches holding the same Standards of Doctrine and Discipline as this Church, who shall produce sufficient evidence of their character and good standing, and of their having undergone such course of Education, Literary, Scientific and Theological, as has been in ordinary cases held to be sufficient by this Church as a preparation for the office of the Holy Ministry, upon their coming under the usual vows.

4. This Synod do anew record their gratitude to God that He, in His good Providence, does not call on them to enter on the discussion or decision for themselves of the practical bearings of those principles which have so unhappily divided the Church of Scotland, in respect either to any infringement of the spiritual independence of this Church, or of the privileges of its members, or to the connection which subsists between the Church of Scotland and this Synod,—that connection neither implying a spiritual jurisdiction on the part of the former over the latter, nor involving the latter in a responsibility for any actings of the former. And this Synod do now, as always, recognize the imperious obligations laid on them of seeking the peace and well-being of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, at the expense of any sacrifice, save that of consistency and principle.

5. *Act declaring the Spiritual Independence of the Synod.*

(In Process, June 10, 1867.) Sept. 21, 1844.

CHAPTER II.—ENACTMENTS RESPECTING PRESBYTERIES.

1. *Formation of Sessions. June* 9, 1831.

Presbyteries are required to see that Sessions are regularly organized in the different Congregations, and that they keep proper Records of their proceedings.

2. *Mission Committee. Sept.* 22, 1835.

Each Presbytery shall form a Mission Committee for its own bounds; have its own Treasurer; and use its utmost efforts to obtain funds and to support Missionaries.

3. *Information of Presbyteries on Synod business. Sept.* 16, 1836.

For the information of Presbyteries with respect to the business assigned them by the Synod, and also to enable the Committees appointed to examine the Records of Presbyteries, to ascertain whether Presbyteries have complied with the injunctions of Synod,—the Synod ordain that the Minutes be fully printed with an index annexed, in which the names of the several Presbyteries and Committees be entered with reference to the pages in which the duties enjoined them are recorded; and that copies of the printed Minutes be forwarded to members of Synod by the Clerk, with the least possible delay.

4. *Presbyteries to learn the state of Congregations. July* 17, 1849.

The Synod enjoin Presbyteries, prudently and affectionately, to make themselves acquainted with the condition of the various congregations within their bounds, and see that they be so organized that the public business of the Church be attended to regularly and advantageously.

5. *Presbyterial visitations. July* 9, 1842.

The Synod enjoin the Presbyteries of this Church severally to appoint from time to time, as to them shall seem needful, one or two of their members as Visitors for their respective bounds, whose duty it shall be to visit every congregation under the care of the Presbytery by whom they are respectively appointed, due notice having been given by the Visitor, or Visitors, of the time when such visitation is to be held in each congregation; to address congregations on the relative duties of pastor and people; to meet with the Sessions, deacons, trustees or managers; to inspect their records, to enquire generally as to the discharge of duties by the office-bearers and members of the congregations,and in particular to ascertain the state of Sabbath Schools and classes for the spiritual training of the young, and other modes of pastoral agency, and the amount of annual contributions for Home and Foreign Missions; to obtain answers on the various points embodied in the Statistical Schedule; to direct attention and obtain information in regard to all matters respecting which special duties have been devolved on Sessions and Congregations by the Synod or Presbytery, to give counsel as the Visitor or Visitors shall see cause in any matter affecting the interests of congregations that may be referred to them, and, in conjunction with the Minister, to prepare a report on the state of religion in each congregation, to be laid before the Presbytery of the bounds for their deliverance thereon at the meeting thereof next preceding the Annual Session of Synod—such Report, including all particulars above specified, together with said deliverance, to be transmitted to the Synod, along with the Records of the Presbytery.

6. *Fellowship Meetings. Sept.* 24, 1844.

The Synod recommend Presbyteries as far as possible to institute prayer and fellowship meetings for the purpose of mutual edification and the attaining of a higher order of piety and aptness for the dis-

charge of weighty and difficult parts of pastoral duty, and at ordinary meetings to spend as much time as circumstances permit in services of a devotional kind.

7. *Alterations to be intimated. July* 14, 1846.

The Synod enjoin the Clerks of Presbyteries, immediately on any alteration taking place in the Rolls of their respective Presbyteries, whether in the case of admission, translation, demission or death, to intimate the same, with the date thereof, to the Clerk of Synod, without delay. The Synod strictly enjoin all Presbytery Clerks to notify the Secretary of the Temporalities' Board of every induction or decease of a Minister within the bounds of their Presbyteries, as soon as they have ascertained the fact in either case.

8. *Presbytery meetings during Synod. May* 26, 1858.

Any Presbytery may meet and transact any competent business at any time during the Session of Synod when the Court is not sitting; but the intimation of meeting must be in writing, signed by the Moderator, or, in his absence, any two members of the Presbytery of which a meeting is requested, and must be read by the Moderator of Synod from the chair.

CHAPTER III.—ENACTMENTS RESPECTING WORSHIP AND ORDINANCES

1. *Missionaries to dispense ordinances. July* 6, 1839.

The Synod consider it expedient that Missionaries of this Church should be invested with the power of dispensing the Sacraments of the Church, and Presbyteries are authorized and instructed to ordain Missionaries over defined districts of country as they shall see meet.

2. *Public Baptism. July* 9, 1842.

The Synod enjoin Presbyteries to see that the laws of the Church in regard to the public administration of the Sacrament of Baptism are duly observed throughout their respective bounds.

3. *Ministers without pastoral charge. Sept.* 21, 1844.

No Minister of this Church, not having a pastoral charge, shall administer Baptism or dispense the Lord's Supper within the bounds of any Presbytery, without having previously obtained the sanction of such Presbytery; or within the bounds allotted to any settled Minister, without the consent of such Minister.

4. *Public worship by Elders. July* 9, 1852.

The Synod recommend the Elders of such Congregations as are destitute of fixed pastors to assemble the people for the worship of God on the Lord's Day, to lead them in their devotional services, and to read to them the Scriptures and such discourses as may be recommended by the Presbytery.

CHAPTER IV.—SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH; MISSIONARY AND BENEVOLENT EFFORTS, &C.

SECTION FIRST.—TEMPORALITIES' FUND, SUSTENTATION FUND AND HOME MISSION.

1. *Congregational Associations. June* 11, 1867.

The Synod recommend the adoption of systematic measures in each Congregation, especially the formation of Associations and the appointment of collectors, having for their object the obtaining of an annual, quarterly or monthly subscription from every member and adherent, in support of the various Missionary and Benevolent Schemes in which the Church is engaged.

2. *Home Mission Organization. July* 12, 1842.

Presbyteries shall arrange the Missionary ground within their respective bounds into Missionary stations and districts, and establish Home Missionary Associations in each of the organized Congregations under their care.

Each Presbytery is recommended to institute a Presbytery Mission Fund for supplementing the salaries of Missionaries.

3. *Temporalities' Board. May* 31, 1856.

The Synod agreed that the interest of the Commutation Funds, and of all such funds as may come into their hands, shall by them (the managers) be applied in the following manner:—

1st. For the payment of £112 10s. per annum to the ministers who commuted.

2nd. For the payment of £100 a year to the eleven ministers who were on the Synod's Roll, at the time of the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, but who were not permitted to commute; and

3rd. For the payment to all ministers, not so provided for, of £100 a year, if the funds in their hands admit of it;—it being understood that such annual subscriptions as may be received for the sustentation of the Church are to be applied to this last mentioned purpose; further, that, if the sum that can be disposed of for this purpose should at any time be insufficient to give £100 a year, the whole sum be divided among the claimants, but the division shall not be continued after the allowance to each minister has fallen to £50.

The Synod further agreed and declared that the guaranteed salary of £112 10s. shall, upon the death of any one of the recipients, revert to the general fund; that any of the ministers holding the guaranteed sum of £112 10s., released from their respective charges from age and infirmity, with the consent of their Presbyteries, sanctioned by the Synod, shall enjoy their salaries for life; and that those who have already retired on a stipulated sum shall continue to enjoy the sum allotted to them.

The Synod approve and confirm the three following by-laws which have been adopted by the Board:—

That the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to draw cheques against the Bank account of the Board for the payment of Ministers and other expenses of the Board.

That the Chairman of the Board be authorized to receive and grant discharges for all dividends and interest accruing to the Board.

That an Executive Committee be named in terms of the Act, who alone shall have power to receive, accept and execute transfers of Stocks or Debentures, and every transfer or acceptance must be signed by all the members of this Committee.

Formation of Sustentation Fund. June 3, 1870.

The Synod adopt the following Scheme of re-arrangement in regard to the Temporalities' Fund and the Synod's Home Missionary Fund :—

I. As to the Temporalities' Fund they recommend that its original provisions be strictly adhered to, and that, therefore, the interest accruing from its investments be applied :—

1. To the annual payment of the claims upon the Fund of the commuting and privileged Ministers.

2. To the payment of the annual grant of two thousand dollars to Queen's College.

3. To the payment so far as the Fund will allow, after the foregoing disbursements, of two hundred dollars a year without deduction to all non-commuting and non-privileged Ministers on the Synod Roll in the order of seniority.

II. As to the Home Missionary Fund.

The Synod of 1870 shall proceed to the creation of a Board separate and distinct from the Temporalities' Board, to whom shall be entrusted the management of the Synod's Home Missionary Fund (heretofore incorporated with the Temporalities' Fund,) with a view to its enlargement to at least such an extent as shall suffice to meet the payment, now and hereafter, of the sum of two hundred dollars annually to every Minister on the Synod Roll, not in the receipt of an allowance or grant from the Temporalities' Fund.

The Fund thus reconstructed and enlarged shall be known as

The Synod's General Sustentation Fund.

The Board shall consist of

1. The Moderator and Clerk of Synod *ex officio*.

2. One representative from each Presbytery in the Church to be elected annually by the several Presbyteries at the meeting held last before each meeting of Synod.

3. Six members of Synod to be elected by the Synod of 1870, and thereafter two by each succeeding Synod in place of a like number who shall retire annually, but who shall be eligible for re-election.

4. And a Chairman, who shall be appointed by the Synod of 1870 ; said appointment to be from year to year.

During each meeting of Synod the members of the Sustentation Board shall elect from among themselves an Executive Committee of seven members, for the transaction of all such business as may arise from year to year between the meetings of Synod.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to make such By-laws for the administration of the Sustentation Fund as the progress of events may suggest and demand. But such By-laws shall always be reported to the first meeting of Synod after their adoption for either sanction or amendment.

At each meeting of Synod the Sustentation Board shall convene for the purpose of estimating the amount that may be needed to meet the demands that may arise upon the Fund for the ensuing year, in accordance with the foregoing provision, and of apportioning this amount among the several Presbyteries, by and with the concurrence of such members of the several Presbyteries, meeting when practicable as Presbyteries, as may be present at the meeting of Synod.

The sums thus respectively apportioned shall be reported to the Synod for confirmation, shall be printed in the Synod's Minutes, and each Presbytery shall hold itself bound, and shall be held bound by the Synod for the transmission of the amount thus apportioned to the Treasurer of the Fund.

By-Laws for the Management of the Synod's General Sustentation Fund. June, 1871.

1. The Sustentation Board shall hold an annual meeting on the second day of the sitting of the Synod in each year, at such hour as the Moderator thereof shall appoint, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of money which it will be necessary to raise by voluntary contribution throughout the Church for the ensuing year in furtherance of the objects contemplated by the Synod in the creation of this Board. To this end the Secretary shall lay before the Board at its annual meeting a certified list of the names of all the ministers of the Church, for whom the Temporalities' Board are unable to make an allowance or grant from their funds for the said year.

2. Adjourned meetings of the Board may be held at such times as a quorum of the Board shall direct. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairman at any time or, on a requisition in writing signed by any five members of the Board, at such time and place as the Chairman shall appoint—ten days notice thereof having been given to the several members of the Board, exclusive of the day on which such notice was posted.

3. In absence of the Chairman, a quorum of the Board may appoint one of their number as Chairman to preside at any meeting and to discharge the duties devolving upon the Chairman for that meeting.

4. No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Board until the minutes of the previous meeting have been read and approved.

5. The Board shall have power to elect and appoint such officers as may be found necessary for the transaction of its business.

6. The Secretary shall keep a correct account of the proceedings of the Board in a book to be kept for that purpose, and to which any member of the Board may at any time have access ; and shall discharge all such other duties as the Board shall from time to time require of him.

7. The Treasurer shall give security satisfactory to the Board for the faithful discharge of the trust and duties of his office. He shall receive all moneys accruing to the Sustentation Fund from congregational or other sources and shall deposit the same to the credit of the Fund in such Bank as the Executive Committee shall from time to time determine. He shall sign cheques against the Bank Account of the Board, which shall be countersigned by the Chairman, for the half-yearly payments to ministers and all other authorized expenditures. He shall keep a regular set of books containing the accounts of the Fund, and shall make and deliver for the use of the Board at its annual meeting a report and statement of all moneys received and paid by him during the previous year.

8. All the Accounts of the Board shall be examined by two Auditors to be appointed yearly by the Board for that purpose.

9 Vacancies occurring in the Executive Committee shall be filled from time to time by the said Committee from the remaining members of the General Board.

10. The travelling expenses of members of the Executive Committee, attending meetings duly convened, shall be paid.

Injunction anent defaulting Congregations. June 8, 1871.

The Synod direct Presbyteries to enjoin defaulting congregations within their bounds to show good and sufficient reasons for failing to contribute their apportionments.

SECTION SECOND—MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

1. *Resolutions of Synod. July* 13, 1846.

1. That it is expedient to establish a Ministers' Widows' Fund.
2. That to the success and stability of such an institution an Act of the Provincial Parliament is necessary, rendering compulsory the payment of the rate fixed on Ministers receiving Government allowance—incorporating the Managers—and enabling them to hold property to the amount of at least £1000 a year.
3. That any such Act should fix the rate chargeable on Ministers at £3 per annum.
4. That the Managers should be one-third Ministers and two-thirds Laymen—appointed by the Synod—twelve in number—and one Minister and two laymen to retire annually, but to be eligible for re-election.
5. That the Managers shall have full power to fix the scale of annuities payable to Widows, and to conduct the whole business of the Institution.

2. *Acts of Synod. Sept.* 13, 1847.

Whereas, to the working of the Act incorporating the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, it is required that moneys be raised, it is hereby enacted that each Minister shall pay annually the sum of Three Pounds, for the securing of the payment of which each Presbytery shall cause Bonds for said payment to be signed in duplicate by each Minister within the bounds, authorizing the Synod's Clergy Reserve Commissioners (the Temporalities' Board) to retain in their hands said annual payment of Three Pounds, in half-yearly instalments, out of the payments rendered him by said Commissioners, one copy of which Bond shall be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners, and the Duplicate kept by the Clerk of the Presbytery. The Bond to be as follows :—

(Substitute form in use).

And further, Presbyteries are enjoined not to ordain or induct any Probationer or Minister into a Pastoral charge without his first having signed the above Bond in the presence of the Presbytery, and which Bond shall be attested by the Moderator and Clerk.

And further, each Minister is enjoined to have a yearly collection on the first Sabbath of January in behalf of said Fund, and to use all diligence to obtain donations or subscriptions from his people, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Fund:—and Presbyteries are enjoined to see that Ministers show all diligence in this matter, and send yearly returns to the Synod.

Minute enjoined to be read previous to the annual collection

In the actual condition of the Church in Canada, little more can be expected even from the more prosperous and wealthy Congregations, than a bare support for the Minister and his family, without any power on his part of making any provision for them, if, in the providence of God, his wife should be left a widow and his children fatherless. To meet such cases, which must be expected to occur among the ministry with the average frequency, it is held and declared to be a duty incumbent on the people among whom a Minister labours, receiving nothing more from them than an immediate temporal support, to co-operate

with the design of this Board for providing some relief for the bereaved families of such Pastors as have consecrated their whole time and talents to the spiritual edification of the people committed to their charge. This duty of Congregations may be deemed the more incumbent, inasmuch as the Synod have enacted that every Minister shall contribute out of his public allowance the sum of Three Pounds annually, diminishing by that amount his very limited income. The Synod would, therefore, exhort Congregations also to come forward freely to present their liberal contributions for the same object, not only as a token of regard for their own Pastor, but as an expression of their gratitude to their Divine Lord, who has ordained that they who serve at the altar should live of the things of the altar. Christians have always been wont to honour those who have in any way endured self-denying labours for the sake of Christianity; and it is worthy of a Christian Church to do this by making the Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of their Ministers the monument of their gratitude and dutiful remembrance.

While this claim on the liberality of the people is held to rest on the clearest principles of Christian obligation, it is deemed to be of peculiar force in this country where so much difficulty is experienced in obtaining a suitable supply of Ministers for the Church, on account of the inadequacy of the temporal support that is attainable. This evil, which in present circumstances it may be impossible materially to alleviate, would in some degree be counteracted, if Ministers had any sure prospect that the Church would manifest a benevolent concern for their families after their decease.

The Synod, therefore, with these principles declared and with the statements contained in the Report before them, indicating the want of a proper sense of duty in this particular on the part of many of the Congregations, enjoin upon Presbyteries to take order that all Ministers and Sessions do use diligence that every Congregation may be brought to contribute a sum at least equal to that contributed by their Minister; and also, that all vacant Congregations within their bounds have an opportunity afforded them of devising liberal things in this matter.

The Synod enjoin all Ministers (July 7, 1851) and congregations to be punctual in making the collection at the proper time and remitting the same immediately to the Treasurer. And Presbyteries are directed to see that in appointments of supply of sermon to vacant congregations, arrangements be made for taking up collections in aid of the Fund. Ministers are to urge its (July 8, 1852) special claims on the liberality of their people.

The Synod resolved :—(June 4, 1856)

1. That Presbyteries be enjoined to send, with all convenient speed, to the Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund a statement of the date of the ordination or induction of all Ministers now on the Roll of the Synod.
2. That Presbyteries report to the Managers of the Widows' Fund the date of every ordination or induction of Ministers that may hereafter be admitted, within one month thereafter.
3. That the Rule now in force respecting the taking up of collections for said Fund, on the first Sabbath of January each year, be strictly observed, as far as practicable; and, provided there be good cause, from inclemency of weather or otherwise, for deferring it on the first Sabbath, then it shall be taken up on the earliest day afterwards that is convenient.
4. That all collections be remitted to the Treasurer before the first day of April each year, in order that the accounts for the year be made

up, and a fair statement of the condition and operations of the Trust be given to the Synod at their annual meeting.

5. That the Rule now in force (see Printed Minutes, 1851, page 20, near foot) respecting Presbyteries taking care that collections be taken up in vacant Congregations shall be observed strictly.

6. That united Congregations shall be considered as one, and their collections conjoined, so long as they are under the pastoral charge of one Minister.

7. That the Synod pledge themselves to carry into faithful operation, in so far as may be in their power, the By-Laws of the Board of Managers, now in operation, in respect to every Minister or Congregation, who contribute to the Fund under the existence of these By-Laws, which, in respect to all such, are declared to be unalterable without the full consent of all parties; and the Synod do hereby homologate and confirm the same.

The Synod enjoin Presbyteries to see (June 1, 1857) that Ministers make a return to the Board of the number of families in their several congregations—to make diligent inquiry whether congregations have made their collections, and to deal with defaulters as may seem meet—and immediately after an ordination or induction to send an Extract of the same to the Secretary of the Board of Management.

The Synod direct the Board (June 1, 1857) in the case of the demise of Widows to pay their annuities up to the termination of the current half-year in which the demise may take place.

The Synod (June 7, 1869) enjoin Presbyteries to collect and report to the Board the names and ages of the children of Ministers within their respective bounds.

The Synod (June 8, 1870) suggest that six dollars ($6) semi-annually be paid on behalf of those Ministers on the Synod Roll, who do not receive an allowance from the Temporalities' Fund, out of the moneys raised by the Sustentation Board, recently created, as a first charge thereon.

3. *Graduated scale of annuities.* (*As amended*, 1872).

The Synod approve of the scale of distribution embodied in the Report: (as follows;)

"4th—That the annuity to be paid to Widows shall be at the rate of £12 10s. from the Fund consisting of Ministers' contributions, and according to the following scale from the Fund consisting of Congregational Collections.

Where the av'ge is	$12,	and does not am't to	$15,	the annuity shall be	$80
Do.	15	do	18	do	90
Do.	18	do	24	do	100
Do.	24	do	30	do	110
Do.	30	do	36	do	120
Do.	36	do	42	do	135
Do.	42	do	48	do	145
Do.	48	do	54	do	155
Do.	54	do	60	do	165
Do.	60	do	72	do	180
Do.	72	do	84	do	200
Do.	84	do	96	do	220
Do.	96	do	108	do	240
Do.	108	do	120	do	260
Do.	120	do	132	do	280
Do.	132 and upwards,			do	300

And no annuity shall exceed the last mentioned sum of $300, and that all collections, averaging less than $12, shall be made subject to special consideration."

5th—That in the event of a child or children coming on the Fund in consequence of the death of both parents, the same annuity as in the case of a widow should be payable to him, her or them, until the youngest daughter shall attain the age of 21 years, or the youngest boy shall attain the age of 18 years, unless he is studying with a view to the Ministry in the Church of Scotland or in this Synod, when it shall continue to be paid until he attains the age of 21 years. When the youngest daughter shall have attained the age of 21 years, and it appears to the Managers that the family is in destitute circumstances, they may, where there is more than one daughter, allow an annuity not exceeding one half what would be paid to a widow, and, where there is only one daughter, an annuity not exceeding one third of what would be paid to a widow. Whenever any daughter is married, her interest in the Fund shall cease. In the case of boys who, from mental or physical incapacity, are unable to support themselves, the Managers may allow an annuity for a longer term than attaining the age of 18, such annuity in no case to exceed half of what would be allowed to a widow."

The Synod approve of an intermediate (June 11, 1867) grade in the scale of collections between twelve dollars and sixty dollars and annuities between eighty dollars and one hundred and sixty dollars, as also of the equity and propriety of increasing annuities to widows having children under age.

SECTION THIRD—FRENCH MISSION.

The Synod enjoin all Ministers (July 8, 1845) and Sessions to bring the claims of this important Mission more fully and urgently before their congregations, and procure as liberal collections and subscriptions as possible.

The Synod appointed a Standing Committee (June 1, 1858) on the French Mission, authorizing them to take such steps in its revival, maintenance and prosecution, as may be necessary, reporting their action to the Synod from time to time; and the Synod recommend the Mission to the continued countenance and active co-operation and sympathy of the congregations of the Church.

The Synod (June 7, 1870) pledge themselves to use their utmost efforts to make the Fund adequate to the efficient working of the Scheme; (June 10, 1871) commend the Scheme to the greater liberality and the more earnest prayers of the congregations; and enjoin non-contributing congregations to fulfil their duty to the Scheme.

SECTION FOURTH—SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY SCHEME.

Presbyteries are enjoined (July 12, 1842) to take such steps as to them may seem meet for the establishment of Bursaries at Queen's College for deserving students for the Ministry.

The Synod appointed (May 31, 1859) a Committee on the Bursary Scheme to watch over the same and report.

The Synod (May 31, 1860) having appointed the first Sabbath of March as a day of special prayer for Queen's College, and for bringing the claims of the College under the notice of their congregations, do earnestly recommend that on that, or other convenient day, a collection be taken up in aid of the Bursary Fund.

The Synod (June 6, 1866) adopt the recommendation that the Fund shall be mainly employed in Scholarships, to be awarded according to the result of competitive University examinations.

It shall be henceforth designated the "Scholarship and Bursary Scheme."

The Synod (June 6, 1870) specially commended the Scheme to the liberality of the Church, as a means of increasing the number of the Students of Queen's College having the Ministry in view, and encouraging them in the pursuit of learning.

SECTION FIFTH—BRITISH COLUMBIA AND MANITOBA.

The Synod recommend to all Sessions (July 7, 1840) to appoint meetings at stated periods for bringing the subject of Missions before Congregations, and for united prayer in behalf thereof; and at such meetings, or otherwise, to make collections in aid of the Missions of the Church of Scotland or such other object as may be approved of by the Sessions.

The Synod (June 7, 1869) appointed a collection to be made in aid of the Mission in all the Churches within the bounds; and earnestly commended the special object of this collection to the liberal support of the Church.

The Synod (June 14, 1871) enjoined Presbyteries to see that collections are made in all the congregations within their bounds, in accordance with the injunctions of this Court; instructed the Committee to take steps towards the appointment of a Missionary to Manitoba, and to receive any contributions which may be forwarded by congregations for the Church of Scotland's Mission to the Aborigines of India, which is hereby commended to the favourable attention of the Church.

SECTION SIXTH—JUVENILE MISSION AND SABBATH SCHOOL SCHEME.

The Synod, earnestly desiring the efficiency of Sabbath Schools, (June 2, 1857) direct the attention of Sessions and Presbyteries to the matter, appoint a Committee to be designated *The Synod's Committee on Sabbath Schools*—who shall exercise a general superintendence, and shall have power to take such action of a local or general kind, as to them may seem judicious; instruct Kirk-sessions to forward annually to the Convener of said Committee before the first day of May a statement of the number of teachers, male and female, scholars, male and female, and the number of each on the roll, the average attendance, and the increase or diminution during the year, the number and kind of books in the Sabbath School library, and all other matters of interest affecting the welfare of the local school or the general institution; and instruct the Committee to prepare a report and digest of said statements, to be laid before the Synod.

The Synod warmly recommend (June 3, 1861) this vital and important object to the affectionate regard of all our people; and require Sessions to see to the constant direct teaching of Scripture and the Shorter Catechism in their Sabbath Schools.

The Synod recommend the Committee (June 12, 1865) to publish a Scheme of Lessons.

The Synod, having read a letter (May 31, 1856) from Mr. Paton respecting the support and education of Hindoo Orphans, approve of the same; commend the effort to the sympathies of our congregations, and appoint Mr. Paton Treasurer for the fund; renew (June 1, 1858) their cordial approval of the Scheme; (May 31, 1859) recommend it to the cordial support of the Church and Sabbath Schools and rejoice in the extended interest in Mission work manifested by the children(May 28, 1862).

The Synod (June 9, 1868) resolve to merge this and the Sabbath School Scheme into one Scheme, to be called the "Juvenile Mission and Sabbath School Scheme," and appoint a Committee for its management.

SECTION SEVENTH—SEEKING OUT AND TRAINING YOUNG MEN FOR THE MINISTRY.

The Synod recognize the special duty (July 2, 1841) of the members of this Church to be earnest in prayer for the Divine blessing on the Missions of the Church and the means employed for raising up well qualified men for the work of the Ministry.

The Synod resolve anew that we are specially called of God to use our utmost exertions to raise up a supply for the Ministry among us from the youth of this land; instruct Ministers to make continued supplication unto God, as well in their private as in their public prayers, that He may be pleased to send forth more labourers into the harvest, and also enjoin them frequently to admonish parents to consider what may be the call of God upon them in reference to the consecration of their children unto Him in whatever department of service they may be qualified; and, further, enjoin upon all Presbyteries and Sessions to make careful and diligent enquiry in the several Congregations within their respective bounds, to ascertain whether any young men may be found in them whose attention should be specially called to the claims of Christ upon them, in regard to the Ministry of this Church, and to aid and encourage by all the means in their power such suitable young men as may declare their purpose to consecrate themselves to this sacred vocation.

The Synod (July 4, 1851) recommend both to Presbyteries and individual Ministers to look out for youths of promising abilities and of piety to be brought under the education and training necessary to their entering College—and, further, recommend to Presbyteries to use all diligence in watching over the youths now studying Theology,—and also recommend to Ministers to aid such youths in their studies privately, and, on their removing to College, to commend them specially to the pastoral superintendence of the Minister resident at the seat of the University. The Synod, further, enjoin all their students of Divinity to appear before the Presbyteries, within whose bounds they reside, at least once during the Summer recess, for the purpose of being examined, and, on their re-entering the Divinity Hall, to produce a certificate from their Presbyteries that they have done so.

The Synod resolved (May 31, 1860) that all the Ministers of this Church be earnestly recommended to preach on the first Sabbath of March in each year, or the first convenient Sabbath thereafter, on the call to the Gospel Ministry, setting forth the wants of the Church and the existing destitution of our land, and, at the same time, to hold up for consideration such things as will recommend the Gospel Ministry as a calling, in order that parents and youth may give its claims respectful hearing; and the Synod further appoint the said Sabbath as a day of special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the rising generation, and upon the officers and students of Queen's College.

That this Synod earnestly and affectionately recommend parents to lend their children to the Lord, and to dedicate such as, in their judgment, possess the requisite qualifications to the office of the Holy Ministry.

That the Synod earnestly urge Presbyteries to guard, with a becoming caution and a firm vigilance, the door to the holy office of the Ministry, so as not to admit to that sacred calling men wanting in mental or moral qualifications for its high and holy functions.

SECTION EIGHTH—MISSION TO THE LUMBERMEN.

Formation of the Scheme. June 8, 1868.

The Synod instructed the Presbyteries of Perth, Ottawa and Renfrew to form a joint Committee to employ a Missionary, or to adopt such other measures as to them may appear expedient and practicable, to attend to the spiritual interests of the Lumbermen in the valley of the Ottawa and its tributaries.

The Synod (June 6, 1870) commended the Mission to the prayerful interest and liberal support of all friendly to it.

CHAPTER V—COLLEGES.

SECTION FIRST—QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

1. *Formula for the Literary Professors and Trustees of Queen's College.* (*July* 4, 1840),

I do sincerely own and declare the Confession of Faith, agreed upon by the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, to be the Confession of my faith; and that I own the doctrine therein contained to be the true doctrine, to which I will constantly adhere; as likewise, that I own and acknowledge the Presbyterian Church Government of this Church, by Kirk-Sessions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods and General Assemblies, to be the only government of this Church, and that I will submit thereto, concur therewith, and never endeavour, directly or indirectly, the prejudice or subversion thereof.

2. *Statutes of Queen's University.* (*June* 9, 1863).

Numbers 18, 19, 55 and 109 of the Statutes of Queen's University were read and approved of, and the Moderator and Clerk were instructed to attach their signatures to them.

3. *Change in Curriculum.* (*June* 10, 1864).

The Synod approve of the change made in the Curriculum in Arts by adding a fourth Session, and, as regards Students for the Ministry in this Church, require them to conform to the amended Curriculum, subject to the payment of fees in the Arts classes agreeably to the principle stated in the Report.

4. *Claims on Church.* (*June* 6, 1867).

The Synod recognize anew the claims of the College upon the prayerful encouragement and pecuniary support of the friends of the Church, by reason of the highly important services which it continues to render.

SECTION SECOND—MORRIN COLLEGE.

The Synod (May 30, 1861) agreed to accept the authority to appoint Governors of the College, as provided in the Act of Incorporation.

The Synod decerned that, so soon as Morrin College shall possess the following staff of Professors, namely, a Professor of Classics, a Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, and a Professor of Logic, Metaphysics and Moral Philosophy, the certificates of such Professors shall be accepted as qualifying for admission to the study of Divinity, in the same way as certificates from the Professors of Queen's College; and if, in addition to the Professor of Divinity appointed by the Deed of Dr. Morrin, there be also a Professor of Hebrew and Church History, their certificates of attendance shall in like manner be accepted, as qualifying students to come before the Synod and Presbyteries of the Church as candidates for License; the time of attendance on said College and the course of study to be in accordance with the laws of the Church, provided always that Theological Professors must be Ministers or Probationers of the Church.

CHAPTER VI—SYNOD FUND AND FINANCE.

1. *Assessment.*

The Synod fixed a rate of assessment (May 27, 1859) making it compulsory on each Session to contribute the amount apportioned to it in the Schedule, and leaving it optional to supplement this by such further sum as it may find itself able and disposed to give.

In all cases, the contribution from a Congregation (July 19, 1853) with a settled Minister shall not be less than four dollars.

2. *Duty of Presbyteries.*

It shall be the duty of Presbytery Clerks (June 6, 1854) to receive from the Ministers, Sessions and Congregations within their bounds, the annual contributions to the Synod Fund, and to pay over the same to the Treasurer.

The Synod (June 6, 1864) enjoin Presbyteries to enquire at the first meeting of each, after the rising of the Synod, and at the last regular meeting before the meeting of the Synod, how the duty of Congregations to this Fund has been discharged; and, where it appears that this duty has not been discharged, to take such steps as may be necessary for supplying the deficiency as soon as possible.

3. *Fees and Charges.*

The Synod adopted the following tariff of fees (June 1, 1861), the proceeds thereof to go into the Treasurer of the Synod Fund, viz:—

Each person recording a dissent *simpliciter* from any proceedings of the Synod	$0 25
For reasons, that may be extended on the minutes in support of such dissent, $0.20 for the first and for each subsequent one	0 10
For extracts of minutes granted to individuals, for every 100 words	0 12½

The Synod adopted the following (June 6, 1864) scale of charges for copies of Minutes of Synod:—

Whole set, 1830 to 1865, postage paid	$5 00
Reprint of first six years	1 00
Single copy of Minutes for one year	0 15

CHAPTER VII—CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Synod (July 12, 1852) enjoin Presbyteries, without delay, to take such steps as may be considered necessary for securing the public property of the Church within their bounds.

The Synod (May 31, 1855) appoint a Committee to enquire into the

condition of the public property of the Church, to correspond with Presbyteries, with legal agents and others, and to take such action as may be expedient for the preservation of that part which may be in jeopardy, or recovering such as may be illegally in possession of others:—constitute (May 30, 1857) the same a Standing Committee; enjoin Ministers who have not yet made returns of Church property, with which they are connected, to do so without delay.

The Synod appointed the Committee (June 6, 1864) to prepare a draft Act of Incorporation for this Church.

Soliciting aid for building Churches.

The Synod (July 14, 1846) instruct Presbyteries not to authorize Congregations to solicit aid in the erection of Churches till satisfactory deeds or legal bonds for satisfactory deeds of the sites shall have been obtained and laid on their tables; and generally to take care that property acquired by congregations be properly secured.

Act anent soliciting contributions for Church purposes. (*June* 9, 1863).

Whereas the soliciting of contributions from the public for ecclesiastical purposes by unauthorized individuals is a practice which is liable to abuse, and it is proper to subject the said practice, so far as this Church is concerned, to suitable regulations, it is hereby enacted:—

I. That no minister or member of any congregation under the jurisdiction of this Synod shall collect contributions, beyond the bounds of his congregation, for local ecclesiastical purposes, until he has first obtained from his Presbytery permission to that effect, and an attested subscription list to be used in collecting.

II. That it shall also be necessary to have the sanction of the Presbytery within whose bounds it is intended to apply for contributions; and individuals proceeding to collect are required to follow the directions which such Presbytery may give as to time and mode of collecting.

III. That accounts of all moneys so collected, together with statements of their application, shall be laid before the Presbytery to which the collector belongs, for the purpose of being audited.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Synod on Presbytery Records to enquire what evidence is furnished by said Records of the attention paid by Presbyteries to the requirements of this Act.

CHAPTER VIII—GRANTS FROM THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

1. The Synod (July 13, 1846) ordained that grants from the Colonial Committee may be applied to the building of Churches and the acquiring of fixed property, with the concurrence of the donors; that all correspondence with the Colonial Committee in regard to such grants shall be carried on solely by the Synod or their Commission; that all applications from Congregations for any such grants, previously to their being transmitted to the Synod or their Commission for approval, shall have the sanction and recommendation of the Presbytery of the bounds.

2. (Act of June 12, 1867).

CHAPTER IX—MANAGEMENT OF SCHEMES AND AGENT. (June 9, 1865).

The Synod hereby recommend Mr. James Croil, an elder of the Church, to be appointed Agent, if he is willing to undertake the office; and enjoin all Ministers, Sessions and Presbyteries of the Church to co-operate with and encourage whatever Agent may be appointed in the discharge of his arduous duties.

The Synod (June 11, 1867) enjoin Presbyteries to take such steps as may seem to them best calculated to secure the regular payment of the salaries of all the Ministers within the bounds; recommend Congregations to adopt the Calendar year in their financial accounts; urge them to prepare and print annual reports; and sanction the introduction of printed schedules and visitation from house to house, in making collections for the several Schemes.

2. *Act for Collections.*

(Standing Act. See minutes 1871).

CHAPTER X—MISCELLANEOUS ENACTMENTS.

1. *Law Agents in Church Courts.*

The Synod (July 7, 1843) ordained that no Law Agents shall be allowed to act as such in any of the Courts of this Church.

2. *Reports to be ready.*

The Synod (June 6, 1865) strictly enjoin the Conveners of Synodical Committees, Chairmen of Boards of Trustees and Managers, Clerks of Presbyteries and others in charge of the business of the Church, to be prepared to submit to the Synod all Reports, Returns, Statements, References, Overtures, Appeals, &c., on the first day of the meeting of Synod.

Note. Some papers are required by special enactments to be furnished to the Synod Clerk before the meeting of Synod, and some Reports are appointed to be given in on fixed days of the Session.

3. *Control of Church and use.* (*June* 1, 1855).

Whereas the acknowledged use of a Church is for the public worship of God, and the Minister, with the Session, is responsible to his Presbytery and to the Synod for the use that is made of the Church edifice, therefore it is the prerogative of the Minister and the Kirk Session to hold the key of the place of worship and exercise their own discretion, under the Superior Church Courts, as to the uses to which it shall be applied.

4. *Catechists.* (*May* 31, 1860).

The Synod enjoin Presbyteries to use diligence and exercise great caution in their selection of Catechists, and take order that none be engaged without their sanction; that the Synod require Catechists, before entering upon their work, to appear before the Presbytery or Committee of Presbytery, charged with the supervision thereof, that they may be examined as to their gifts and ability to expound the Holy Scriptures; that Catechists be required to write out beforehand whatever expositions or exhortations they may offer to the people (whether to be read or repeated *memoriter*), and to hold themselves in readiness to submit all such written expositions or exhortations to the Presbytery or Committee of Presbytery, and to read any one of them that may be named or called for; and further that along with their own expositions they read a printed sermon from some volume, sanctioned by the Presbytery, in the services of public worship which they conduct among the people.

5. *Maintenance of Ministers.* (*May* 30, 1861).

The Synod declared, that, in every case where the settlement of a Minister is about to take place, it is absolutely necessary that the minimum stipend, exclusive of any allowance from the Temporalities' Board, be not less than four hundred dollars; that Presbyteries be enjoined to do all in their power to see that the congregations within their respective bounds implement all pecuniary promises made by them to Ministers; and that the Synod retain all discretionary power in its own hands.

6. *Retired Ministers.*

(In Act anent Temporalities' Board, May 31, 1856).

Every case in which a Minister, not provided (May 29, 1858) for by deliverance of Synod 1856, craves to retire from the active discharge of his duties as a Minister on the ground of bad health, or any other cause, on condition of receiving his allowance from the Temporalities' Fund, in whole or in part, shall be reported to the Synod with the opinion of the Presbytery thereanent; and the Synod only shall decide thereon.

Retired Ministers are (June 4, 1863) required to report themselves to their Presbyteries, either personally or by letter (in the discretion of the Presbytery), semi-annually in sufficient time to admit of their names being returned to the Synod and Temporalities' Board.

7. *Forms of Worship.*

The Synod (May 27, 1859) cordially recommend the Book "Forms of Worship," by a Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, for use by families and vacant congregations of the Church in Canada.

8. *Intemperance.*

Whereas the prevalence of intemperance (July 8, 1839) is productive of the most ruinous consequences to the best interests of society, greatly tending to the increase of crime and to the frequent destruction of life and property, proving moreover, a powerful hindrance to the successful preaching of the Gospel, by hardening the minds of many against its heavenly truths, and leading them away from the house of God; the Synod enjoin all the Ministers under their jurisdiction to preach on the subject, and to use such other means as they may judge necessary to check the progress of intemperance.

Inasmuch as the extensive prevalence of intemperance (July 6, 1841) and the numerous evils connected with it are continually creating serious difficulties in administering faithful discipline in the Church, and present a great obstacle to the progress of truth and piety among such as have little more than a nominal connexion with it, the Synod is called upon to bear its solemn testimony against a sin which so greatly dishonours the Christian name, and involves so many souls in spiritual degradation and eternal ruin, and to enjoin, as they hereby do, all Ministers of this Church faithfully and frequently to warn the people under their charge of the dangers to which they are exposed from this iniquity; and to exhort them to manifest such self-denial in regard to the use of intoxicating liquors, as may not only be a safeguard to themselves, but a salutary example to the world; and further recommend all Presbyteries and Sessions so to bear their distinct

and united testimony against this sin, that intoxicating liquors may be banished from general and ordinary use, and to exert all competent diligence to bring magistrates to so enlightened and conscientious a regard of the public good, that no improper persons shall obtain tavern licenses, and that taverns shall not be multiplied beyond the obvious necessities of the community, and further, if it should appear that the existing law is not sufficient to check the enormity of the evil, to bring the subject before the Legislature, in order that such amendment of the law may be obtained, as shall render it a bulwark against this vice, so destructive to the temporal well being of the state and to the spiritual and eternal interests of men.

The Synod (June 12, 1867) urge upon the Ministers of the Church anew the adoption of such means as they may consider to be the best adapted, according to the word of God, to prevent the sin and remedy the evils of intemperance.

The Synod, deploring the many evils resulting from intemperance throughout the Dominion and hailing with satisfaction all suitable efforts tending to lessen these evils and to influence public opinion in the right direction, again instruct their members to use all lawful endeavours that sound and correct views may prevail throughout all the congregations of the Church regarding the Temperance Reformation, and anew urge on all under their influence the use of such means as they may consider best adapted according to the Word of God to arrest and remove the evils of intemperance.

9. *Hymn Book.*

The Synod (June 7, 1870) resolved that the "Scottish Hymnal" be accepted as the Hymn Book of this Church and that Kirk-Sessions be, and are hereby, authorized to avail themselves of its use in the congregations within the bounds of the Synod.

10. *The Presbyterian.*

The Synod, considering the importance of the "Presbyterian," as a periodical (July 19, 1848) devoted to the interests of the Church, and deeming so important a medium for the communication of Ecclesiastical and Missionary intelligence deserving of a large and generous support, earnestly urge its members and congregations to take active steps to promote its circulation.

The Synod (June 10, 1871), appointed a Committee to take charge of the publication of the "Presbyterian," it being understood (1) that a reduction in the price of the publication shall be made; (2) that greater publicity shall be given to the proceedings of Presbyteries and to the reports of the Conveners of the several Schemes of the Church; and (3) to the acknowledgment of individual contributions to the said Schemes, all of which announcements shall be regarded as advertisements and be paid for by the Conveners of Committees on a uniform scale or tariff proportionate to the amount required for defraying the annual expenses of the publication.

11. *Memorandum of Presbytery business.*

The Synod Clerk shall prepare a memorandum of the (June 8, 1868) principal matters to which Presbyteries are required by the Synod to attend annually; a printed copy thereof to be furnished to each Presbytery Clerk, and affixed by him to the inside of the cover of the Presbytery Record.

12. *Statistics.*

The Synod agree to continue a Committee on Statistics (June 9, '68), enjoin Presbyteries to see that returns are made by each Congregation within their bounds, and, for the better carrying out of this object, instruct each Presbytery to appoint a Statistical Committee; the Synod's Committee to consist of Mr. Croil, Convener, and the Conveners of the Committees of the several Presbyteries.

The Synod (June 8, 1871) instructed the Committee to obtain as complete Statistics as possible and enjoined Presbyteries to co-operate with the Committee in securing this result.

13. *Status of Retired Ministers. June* 3, 1869.

The Synod permit Retired Ministers to retain their full status as members of Presbytery and Synod, so that these Courts may continue to enjoy the benefit of their experience and counsels.

14. *Proceedings on occasion of the death of a Minister.* (*Act June* 8, '70).

OVERTURE ANENT RETIRED MINISTERS.

There was read an Overture, sent up by the Presbytery of Montreal and laid over from last meeting of Synod, craving the Synod to rescind the law which gives to Retired Ministers in Church Courts the status of Ministers holding charges in the Church.

On motion of Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Cameron, it was resolved to send down this Overture to Presbyteries for consideration, with instructions to report their opinions thereon to next meeting of Synod.

OVERTURE ANENT EXPENSES OF MEMBERS ATTENDING SYNOD.

There was next read an Overture, signed by Messrs. J. Gordon, Muir, Romaine and Macdougall, laid over from last meeting of Synod. Said Overture is of the following tenor, viz:—

> Whereas the present system of providing for the entertainment of members attending this Court is found to be in many cases burdensome and unsatisfactory, and whereas it is felt that this burden would be more equally distributed over the whole Church, if provision were made for it out of a central Fund created by the Synod, it is humbly overtured that the Court appoint a Committee to take this matter into consideration and report thereon.

The Synod unanimously resolved to refer this Overture to the Finance Committee, with instructions to give careful considerations to the subject of it and report thereon to next meeting of Synod.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Mr. Kenneth Maclennan, Convener of the Committee on Church Property, reported that no business had been submitted to the Committee during the past year. The Committee were re-appointed.

LEAVE FOR ADJOURNED MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Permission, having been asked, was granted to the Presbytery of Kingston to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the 19th inst., at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, by adjournment from the meeting held during the Session of Synod, for the purpose of receiving the probationary trials and, if satisfied therewith, proceeding to License Messrs. Fraser and Gandier, Students of Divinity, without waiting until the next ordinary meeting for that object.

Similar permission was accorded to the Presbytery of Montreal to meet in St. Gabriel's Church, Montreal, on the 21st inst., for the purpose of hearing the probationary trials and, if satisfied therewith, proceeding to License Mr. Laing—and also at Dundee on the 26th inst. at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering the Call to the Rev. Donald Ross from the congregation of St. Matthew's, Montreal.

REPORT ON THE JUVENILE MISSION.*

The Report on the Juvenile Mission and Sabbath School Scheme having been given in and read by Mr. George M. Macdonnell, Convener, the following deliverance was moved by Mr. Campbell (Montreal), seconded by Mr. James B. Mullan and passed unanimously: Adopt the Report; rejoice in the prosperity which has attended the operations of this Scheme so interesting in itself and fraught with so much promise to the Church; commend the Mission to the continued and hearty support of all the Sabbath Schools of the Church; thank the Committee and especially Miss Machar, the Secretary-Treasurer, for their attention to the working of this important Scheme; and re-appoint the Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ANENT MISSION TO MANITOBA.

Mr. Macdonnell, Convener of the Committee for managing the Mission to Manitoba, made a statement, supplementary to the Report given in this morning, to the effect that Mr Thomas Hart, M. A., Licentiate, had accepted the appointment of Collegiate Missionary to Manitoba at a salary of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200), with one hundred dollars ($100) as an allowance for outfit—it being understood that Mr. Hart should receive the benefit of any contributions from local sources up to $200, while the surplus, if any, should revert to the funds of the Mission. Mr. Macdonnell, on behalf of the Committee, requested that the Colonial Committee should be asked, in view of this appointment, to relieve this Church of the annual contribution of one hundred pounds (£100) promised to the British Columbia Mission of the Church of Scotland.

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*Appendix J.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Croil, seconded by Dr. Bain and passed unanimously, That the Synod approve and ratify the arrangements entered into between the Committee on the Manitoba Mission and Mr. Hart, and instruct the Clerk to communicate with the Colonial Committee and request that Committee, in the circumstances already detailed, to relieve this Church of the annual contribution of one hundred pounds (£100) hitherto given to the British Columbia Mission of the Church of Scotland.

ACT FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

The Synod renewed the act for regulating Public Collections as follows:—

The Synod appoint the following Public Collections to be made in all the churches during the ensuing year, viz:—

I. For the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund—on the First Sabbath of January.
II. For the Sustentation Fund—on the First Sabbath of March.
III. For the Mission to Manitoba—on the First Sabbath of May.
IV. For the French Mission—on the First Sabbath of July.
V. For the Sustentation Fund—on the First Sabbath of September.
VI. For the Scholarship and Bursary Scheme—on the First Sabbath of November.

Provided always that when the Lord's Supper shall be observed on any of the said Sabbaths, or when any of the said Sabbaths shall be deemed unsuitable, then another day may be selected by the Session within two months thereafter; Provided also that congregations preferring to raise their contributions in any other way, as by subscriptions and donations, or to furnish them out of any fund under their control, shall be at liberty to do so.

The Synod takes this opportunity of anew recommending to Kirk-Sessions and Congregations the Schedule system as a systematic and Scriptural method of contributing as the Lord hath prospered them to the advancement of His Kingdom.

All Ministers of the Church are appointed at least to exhort their Congregations, on all the days above specified, to contribute towards the maintenance and spread of the Gospel of Christ; and, on a Sabbath preceding that on which a collection is to be made, to give due intimation from the pulpit, together with such information on the object of it as they may have been able to acquire. The Conveners of the several Committees and Boards for the management of the Schemes herein specified are required to forward, in good time, to all the Ministers, notices of these appointments as they become due, together with such statements as it may be of use and interest to read along with their intimations; and, in particular, the Synod enjoin the several Presbyteries, at their meetings next after the times specified, to inquire into the diligence of all their Ministers and Congregations in this

matter, and record reports thereof in their Books, and likewise instruct the Committee of Synod for revising Presbytery Books to notice how far Presbyteries attend to this injunction; and the Synod, while rejoicing at the increased fruits of Christian effort in this Church, yet considering that the means hitherto supplied are quite inadequate to the extent of the field daily opening up to the operations of the Church, and far within what might be expected from the gratitude and love due to a crucified Saviour, earnestly urge on all the people seriously to consider the duty of contributing liberally for the advancement of Christ's cause, according to the ability wherewith God has blessed them. This act shall be annually renewed, with such amendments as the Synod may deem called for, and the expense of printing it for distribution among Ministers shall be borne equally by the several Schemes, and the funds of each Scheme shall be charged with all the expenses of its own management.

OVERTURE ANENT JOINT MEETINGS OF ELDERS AND MANAGERS.

There was read an Overture, sent up by the Victoria Presbytery and laid over from last meeting of Synod, craving the Synod to enact (1) that it shall be competent for the members of a Kirk-Session and Managers to meet together, either occasionally or statedly, for the consideration of general matters affecting the welfare of the congregation and for the adoption of such measures as may appear best fitted to promote the same; (2) that such meetings, when held at irregular intervals, shall be summoned by the Minister and be presided over by him, when present, and in his absence by one of the members present, who may be chosen by a majority of votes; and (3) that these meetings shall not interfere with the separate rights and functions of Elders and Managers in their respective departments.

On motion to that effect, it was resolved by a majority of votes to send down this Overture to Presbyteries for consideration, with instructions to report their opinions thereon to next meeting of Synod.

OVERTURE ANENT ARTHUR.

There was read an Overture, sent up by the Presbytery of Hamilton, craving the Synod to detach the charge of Arthur from the Presbytery of Hamilton and attach it to the Presbytery of Toronto. The Synod decerned in terms of the Overture.

OVERTURE ANENT APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

There was read an Overture, craving the Synod to enact as a Standing Rule of the House that, at each Session of the Supreme Court, immediately after the election of a Moderator, a Committee be appointed, consisting of the Moderator, the Clerk and a member from each Presbytery, said member to be the Presbytery Clerk in the event of his being present, with instructions to prepare and report to the House lists of members who shall form the Standing Committees.

The Synod unanimously declined to entertain said Overture.

MEMORIAL ANENT TEMPERANCE.

There was produced and read a Memorial from the Ontario and Quebec Temperance and Prohibitory League, drawing attention to the evils of intemperance and inviting the co-operation of this Synod to secure the suppression of the liquor traffic by legislative enactment. The Synod anew draw attention to former enactments on this subject, and especially to that part of the Act embodied in Book IV of the Form of Polity, which reads as follows :—

Whereas the prevalence of intemperance is productive of the most ruinous consequences to the best interests of society, greatly tending to the increase of crime and to the frequent destruction of life and property, proving moreover, a powerful hindrance to the successful preaching of the Gospel, by hardening the minds of many against its heavenly truths, and leading them away from the house of God—the Synod enjoin all the Ministers under their jurisdiction to preach on the subject, and to use such other means as they may judge necessary to check the progress of intemperance.

DEPUTATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Synod unanimously resolved to appoint John Cook, D.D., Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, William Snodgrass, D.D., Principal of the University of Queen's College at Kingston, and James Croil, Esq., a Deputation to appear before the Venerable the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland at its next annual meeting and convey the filial greetings of this Church to the Parent Church.

THANKS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The Synod resolved to record the great gratification which they have received from the presence and counsels of the Rev. Thomas Duncan and the Rev. William Wilson, Correspondents from the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland ; thank them for the interesting addresses with which they have favoured the House ; and express the hope that this profitable and pleasing interchange of Correspondents between the Sister Synods may continue from year to year.

CORRESPONDENTS TO THE SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Rev. James C. Smith, M. A., and the Rev. Charles A. Doudiet were named Correspondents to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland ; and the Clerk was instructed to grant commissions to any other members of the Court, who may desire to attend the ensuing meeting of that Synod.

DELEGATE TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE C. P. CHURCH.

The Rev. James B. Muir, M.A., was appointed a Delegate to the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church at its present meeting and was instructed to assure that Body of the warm sympathy which they entertain towards that Church in all their works of faith and labours of love.

DEPUTATION TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S.

The Synod further appointed the Rev. Gavin Lang, the Rev. Kenneth Maclennan, M.A. and James Michie, Esq., a Deputation to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America at its next annual meeting, with instructions to communicate to that Body the Christian and brotherly greetings of this Church.

COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

The Synod appointed their Commission to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the Wednesday after the second Tuesday of November next, at noon ; in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on the Wednesday after the third Tuesday of January next, at noon ; and oftener by adjournment when and where the Commission may choose.

Nine Commissioners shall be a quorum, of whom five must be Ministers. In all their actings the Commissioners shall proceed according to the Act of Synod, 1859, anent the nature, powers, and duties of the Commission of the Supreme Court of this Church.

VOTES OF THANKS.

It was moved by Mr. Croil, seconded by Mr. Muir and carried by acclamation, That the thanks of the Synod are due, and are hereby given, to the friends of the Church in Kingston for their generous hospitality to the members in attendance at this meeting, and especially to the acting Minister, Elders and Managers of St. Andrew's Church, for their diligent and successful efforts to provide for the comfortable accommodation of members ; and the Synod further record their thanks to the Grand Trunk Railway Company as well as to such other Railway and Navigation Companies as have granted to members attending this meeting a reduction in the rates of travel. The Clerk was instructed to give intimation thereof to these Companies.

The thanks of the Synod were also accorded to the Toronto "Globe" and "Mail," as well as the Kingston "News" for their full reports of the proceedings of this meeting.

The Minutes of this Diet were read and sustained.

CLOSING OF SESSION.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod, and, after praise and prayer, said—

In the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the KING and ONLY HEAD of this Church, and in the name of this Synod, I dissolve this meeting, and appoint the next annual meeting of Synod to convene in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the first Tuesday of June, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-three years, at seven o'clock, P.M.

Of which public intimation was made, and the Moderator pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

MEMORANDA FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR 1871-72.

1871—Aug. 7th.—The Rev. William Cochrane, Minister of Port Hope, demitted his charge, and his demission was accepted by the Presbytery of Victoria.

——17th.—Mr. Peter Stratton Livingston, B.A., Licentiate, Ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry and inducted by the Presbytery of Kingston to the charge of Pittsburgh.

Sept. 6th.—The Rev. Evan Macaulay, B.A., formerly suspended from the office of the Holy Ministry, restored by the Presbytery of London to full ministerial standing.

——13th.—The Rev. James B. Mullan, formerly Minister of East Oxford, inducted by the Presbytery of Toronto to the charge of Fergus.

——27th.—The Rev. J. M. Macleod, Minister of Glencoe, demitted his charge and his demission was accepted by the Presbytery of London.

—— ——The Rev. William Barr, Minister of Wawanosh, having obtained leave from the Synod to retire from the active duties of the Ministry, demitted his charge and his demission was accepted by the Presbytery of London,

Dec. 28th.—The Rev. Evan Macaulay, B.A., inducted by the Presbytery of Victoria to the charge of Balsover.

1872—January 3rd.—The Rev. Matthew W. Maclean, M.A., formerly Minister of Paisley, inducted by the Presbytery of Victoria to the charge of Port Hope.

——4th.—The Rev. Joshua Fraser, B.A., formerly Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Montreal, inducted by the Presbytery of Toronto to the charge of Whitby.

——10th.—The Rev. William Anderson, M.A., Minister of Buckingham and Cumberland, demitted his charge and his demission was accepted by the Presbytery of Ottawa.

——17th.—The Rev. Hugh Lamont, D.D., formerly Minister of Kilmany, Islay, inducted by the Presbytery of Glengary to the charge of Finch.

February 8th.—The Rev. Elias Mullan, formerly Minister of Richmond, inducted by the Presbytery of Ottawa to the charge of Spenserville and Mainsville.

——15th.—The Rev. John Gordon, B.A., Minister of Ramsay, demitted his charge and his demission was accepted by the Presbytery of Perth.

——28th.—The Rev. James T. Paul, inducted by the Presbytery of Victoria to the charge of Dummer.

May 6th.—Coulonge, formerly a Station of the congregation of Litchfield, detached therefrom by the Presbytery of Ottawa and erected into a separate charge.

——7th.—The Rev. Neil Macdougall, Minister of Eldon, demitted his charge and his demission was accepted by the Presbytery of Victoria.

——15th.—The Rev. John Ferguson, B.A., inducted by the Presbytery of Toronto to the charge of Osprey and Dunedin.

APPENDIX A.

REPORT OF MANAGERS OF THE TEMPORALITIES' BOARD.

The Managers of the Temporalities' Fund have the honour to lay before the Synod a statement of their investments, a detailed report of receipts and disbursments during the past year, an abstract of the Treasurer's account, duly audited, together with a list of the names of Ministers on the roll of the Synod.

During the past year the sum of $16000 was received in payment of matured Harbour Bonds, in lieu of which the Board purchased on favourable terms 150 shares of City of Montreal Inscribed Stock, bearing six per cent. interest, the net price being 103¼. Three shares of the stock of the Merchants' Bank of Canada were also purchased with the balance of uninvested funds.

The Revenue of the Board amounted last year to $30071 25. Out of which, the usual payments were made to as many ministers as the fund could reach—37 non-privileged Ministers having been paid in June, and 42 in December. In June next the Board anticipate their ability to pay 43 non-privileged Ministers, leaving 41 to be provided for by the General Sustentation Fund.

The Board will avail themselves of the earliest possible opportunity of giving effect to the Synod's recommendation in respect to the transfer of bank stocks to securities of a less fluctuating kind.

Messrs. James Mitchell and George Templeton have the thanks of the Board for their valuable services in auditing the accounts of the past year.

The retiring members of the Board are the Rev. John Cook, D.D.; the Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D.,; Messrs. James Michie and Wm. Walker, all of whom are elegible for re-election.

Respectfully submitted.

HUGH ALLAN,

Chairman.

Montreal, 8th May, 1872.

TEMPORALITIES' BOARD—INVESTMENTS

On the 1st day of May, 1872.

	Int. per an.	Par value.	Cost.	Revenue.
Merchants' Bank Stock	8 per cent.	$ 47800 00	$ 49793 50	$ 3824 00
City " "	6 "	35500 00	40250 52	2130 00
Montreal Harb'r Bonds	6½ "	88500 00	95294 30	6032 50
" " "	7 "	4000 00		
Montreal City Deb's..	6 "	236000 00	215024 81	14160 00
City of Montreal Stock.	7 "	38500 00	41391 09	2695 00
" " "	6 "	15000 00	15655 17	900 00
Mortgages.....	6 "	1900 00	1900 00	114 00
Totals.....		$467200 00	$459309 39	$29855 50

NOTE.—This includes Miss Fisher's legacy of $800, with six years interest accrued, making $1113 36, and the late Mr. Michie's bequest of $2000.

The deficiency of capital as compared with last year, arises from the premium paid on new investments, and there is consequently a slight diminution of prospective revenue.

JAMES CROIL.
Secretary.

Montreal, 1st May, 1872.

TEMPORALITIES' BOARD, ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNT.

1870. *Revenue.*

Dec. 30	—Balance from last year.....			$ 126 04
1871.				
May	—Interest on City of Montreal Stock,	6 per cent...		1347 50
	" Corporation Bonds,	6 " ...		7080 00
June	—Dividend on City Bank,	6 " ...		1065 00
July	—Interest on Harbour Bonds,	6½ " ...		3536 25
	Principal, Harbour Bonds matured,	...		16000 00
July	—Dividend, Merchants' Bank,	8 " ...		1900 00
Nov.	—Interest on City of Montreal Stock,	6 " ...		1347 50
	" Corporation Bonds,	6 " ...		7080 00
Dec.	—Dividend, City Bank,	6 " ...		1065 00
1872.				
Jan.	—Dividend, Merchants' Bank,	8 " ...		1900 00
	Interest on Harbour Bonds,	6½ " ...		3016 25
	Int. on Sorel Mortgage to July 1871,	6 " ...		24 00
	Balance from special account (univested funds)...			39 42
	Receipts from Church Agent's Reports.....			4 00
	Int. on St. Andrew's Church, Mortgage for 1871.			60 00
	Interest on Bank Account for twelve months, including uninvested money...			480 29
				$46071 25
	Balance due the Treasurer....			1 10
				$46072 35

1871. *Expenditure.*

June 30	—Paid to Ministers as per statement.....		$13725 00
	" Queen's College.		1000 00
	" Secretary's Salary, six months...	$200 00	
	" Expenses of Members of Board..	40 00	
	" Proportion of Secretary's travelling charges attending meeting of Synod.....	13 00	
	" Postages $7 50; telegrams. $1 50; stationery, $2 63.....	11 63	
			264 63
Dec. 30	—Payments to Ministers as per statement.		13775 00
	Paid Queen's College.....		1000 00
	Paid for 150 shares City of Montreal stock, at 103¼, with two month's interest, $167 67.....		15655 17
	Paid for three shares of Merchants' Bank Stock, at 131½, brokerage 75c.		395 25
	Secretary's salary for six months.....	200 00	
	Paid John Lovell for printing.....	15 00	
	" Mitchell & Wilson, "	8 75	
	" Proportion of Printing in Synod Minutes.....	24 25	
	Stationery	3 30	
	Postages.....	6 00	
			257 30
			$46072 35

JAMES CROIL,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Montreal, 1st May, 1872.

We have examined the accounts, vouchers and memorandum of investments of the Temporalities' Board for the past year, and certify that they are carefully and correctly kept.

JAMES MITCHELL, } Auditors.
GEO. TEMPLETON. }

Montreal, 4th May, 1872.

TEMPORALITIES' BOARD—PAYMENTS TO MINISTERS, 30TH JUNE AND 30TH DECEMBER, 1871.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.	*June.*	*Dec.*
John Cook, D.D.... ....$	225 00	$ 225 00
David Shanks.....	225 00	225 00
Duncan Anderson.....	200 00	200 00
James McCaul.....	100 00	100 00
George Weir.....	225 00	225 00
Alexander Forbes.....	100 00	100 00

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.		
James C. Muir, D.D.	$225 00	$225 00
William Simpson	225 00	225 00
John Macdonald	200 00	200 00
F. P. Sym	225 00	225 00
James Patterson	100 00	100 00
William Masson	100 00	100 00
W. C. Clarke	100 00	100 00
Donald Ross	100 00	100 00
Robert Campbell	100 00	100 00
Thomas Fraser	225 00	225 00
Hugh Niven	100 00	100 00
John Jenkins, D.D		100 00
Joshua Fraser		100 00
PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.		
Thomas McPherson	225 00	225 00
Peter Watson	100 00	100 00
John Davidson	225 00	225 00
James S. Mullan	100 00	100 00
George Porteous	100 00	100 00
Mrs. Hugh Urquhart	225 00	
PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.		
William Bain, D.D.	225 00	225 00
Solomon Mylne	225 00	225 00
James Wilson	100 00	100 00
William Miller	100 00	100 00
Alexander Mann	225 00	225 00
Walter Ross	100 00	100 00
John Gordon		100 00
PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.		
Thomas Scott	225 00	225 00
James Sinclair	200 00	200 00
W. T. Canning	100 00	100 00
Wm. Cleland	200 00	200 00
Hugh Cameron	100 00	100 00
Donald J. McLean	100 00	100 00
Alexander Spence, D.D.	225 00	225 00
PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.		
Robert Neill, D.D.	225 00	225 00
Alexander Buchan	100 00	100 00
James C. Smith	100 00	100 00
Archibald Walker	100 00	100 00
PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.		
John Tawse	225 00	225 00
John Barclay, D.D.	225 00	225 00
John Brown	200 00	200 00
James Bain	200 00	200 00
William McKee	100 00	100 00

APPENDIX A; TEMPORALITIES' FUND.

W. E. McKay	$100 00	$100 00
James Carmichael	100 00	100 00
Walter R. Ross	100 00	100 00
Alexander McLennan	100 00	100 00
Samuel Porter	225 00	225 00
Archibald Colquhoun	225 00	225 00
Alexander Lewis	225 00	225 00
James Stuart	225 00	225 00
Peter Lindsay	225 00	225 00
Duncan McDonald		100 00
James B. Mullan	100 00	100 00
William Johnson	225 00	225 00
PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.		
David Watson	225 00	225 00
Robert Dobie	225 00	225 00
William White	100 00	100 00
Archibald Currie	100 00	100 00
James T. Paul	225 00	225 00
Kenneth McLennan	225 00	225 00
PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.		
George Bell, L.L.D.	225 00	225 00
Robert Burnet	225 00	225 00
M. W. Livingstone	100 00	100 00
James Herald	100 00	100 00
Charles Campbell	100 00	100 00
John Hogg, D.D.	100 00	100 00
William Stewart	100 00	100 00
James B. Muir		100 00
R. G. McLaren	100 00	100 00
Mrs. George Macdonnell	225 00	
John Whyte	225 00	225 00
PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.		
William Bell	225 00	225 00
James McEwen	200 00	200 00
John Rannie	100 00	100 00
William Barr	225 00	225 00
Hamilton Gibson	225 00	225 00
James Gordon	200 00	200 00
David Camelon	100 00	100 00
James Sieveright	100 00	100 00
Alexander McKid	225 00	225 00
PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.		
Duncan Morrison	225 00	225 00
PRESBYTERY OF RESTIGOUCHE, N. B.		
John Wells	100 00	100 00
Amount of payments including deductions	$13725 00	$13775 00

JAMES CROIL,
Secretary-Treasurer, Temporalities' Board.

Montreal, 30th December, 1871.

SCHEDULE A.

List of commuting Ministers to be paid on 1st July, 1872, $225 each.

Archibald Colquhoun.
John Cook, D.D.
James C. Muir, D.D.
Thomas McPherson, M.A.
John Tawse, M.A.
Robert Neill, D.D.
William Simpson.
Alexander Lewis.
Alexander Mann, M.A.
John Barclay, D.D.
Thomas Scott.
George Bell, L.L.D.
John Davidson.
Thomas Fraser.
Alexander McKid.
William Bain, D.D.
Samuel Porter.
William Barr.
William Bell, M.A.
Alexander Spence, D.D.
James Stuart.
James T. Paul.
Solomon Mylne.
Hamilton Gibson.
John Whyte.
Duncan Morrison, M.A.
F. P. Sym.
William Johnson, M.A.
Kenneth McLennan.
David Watson, M.A.
Robert Dobie.
Peter Lindsay, B.A.
Robert Burnet.
George Weir, M.A.

SCHEDULE B.

Privileged Ministers to be paid $200 each, on 1st July, 1872.

James Sinclair.
John McDonald.
James McEwan, M.A.
James Gordon, M.A.
William Cleland.
John Brown.
James Bain.
Duncan Anderson, M.A.

Archibald Walker, $100.

SCHEDULE C.

Names of Non-privileged Ministers to receive $200 annually from the Temporalities' Board, if the funds admit; otherwise in order of Seniority, so far as the Board may be able to extend their Payments.

1856—Peter Watson
Wm. E. McKay
A. Buchan
1857—Hugh Niven
William White ..5
James Sieveright
William Miller
1858—William McKee
M. W. Livingstone
James Herald ..10
Charles Campbell
James Patterson
William Masson
W. C. Clarke
1865—Donald Ross, B.D.
William Aitken
1866—Alexander McDonald ..45
M. W McLean
Wm. Cochrane
John S. Lochead
Ewen Macaulay
Henry Edmison ..50
D. J. Macdonnell, B.D.
1867—John M. McLeod
Neil Macdougall
Daniel McGillivray
Donald Fraser ..55
Elias Mullan

SCHEDULE C—*Continued.*

1859—Alexander Forbes ..15
John Hogg, D.D.
Donald Ross (Dundee)
John Rannie
Wm. T. Canning
David Camelon ..20
George Porteous
1860—James Carmichael (King)
William Stewart
1861—Walter R. Ross
Archibald Currie ..25
John Wells
James S. Mullan
1862—Robert Campbell
James Wilson
Alexander McLennan ..30
James B. Mullan
R. H. McLaren
Hugh Cameron
Walter Ross
1863—Donald J. McLean ..35
1864—James C. Smith
James McCaul
1865—Duncan McDonald
John Gordon
James B. Muir ..40
John Jenkins, D.D.
Joshua Fraser
James A. Murray
Alexander McKay
Daniel M. Gordon, B.D.
1868—John S. Burnet ..60
Adam Spencer
Donald Strachan
Samuel McMorine
1869—John Bennett
Wm. Anderson ..65
James M. Gray
Joseph Eakin
Charles A. Doudiet
George Yeomans
Charles A. Tanner ..70
William McLennan
Donald Macaulay
James Fraser
1870—David P. Niven
Robert Chambers ..75
Edward B. Rogers
Jas. Carmichael (Markham).
Gavin Lang
1871—Neil Macnish, B.D.
Smith Hutcheson ..80
W. M. Black
P. S. Livingston
Robert Campbell (Renfrew).
1872—Hugh Lamont

TEMPORALITIES' BOARD—ESTIMATE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR HALF YEAR ENDING 1ST JULY, 1872.

Revenue.

Interest from Merchants' Bank Stock,	$47800	at 4	per cent.	$ 1912	00
" " City Bank Stock	35500	" 3	"	1065	00
" " Montreal Harbour Bonds	88500	" 3½	"	2876	25
" " " " "	4000	" 3½	"	140	00
" " City Debentures	236000	" 3	"	7080	00
" " City of Montreal Stock	38500	" 3½	"	1347	50
" " " "	15000	" 3	"	450	00
" " Mortgages	1900	" 3	"	57	00
				$14927	75

Expenditure.

To pay 34 Commuting Ministers, each $225	$ 7650 00
" 8 Privileged " " 200	1600 00
" Rev. Archibald Walker 100	100 00
" Queen's College	1000 00
" Expenses of Management, say	250 00
" Interest on Miss Fisher's Legacy	32 00
Residue, available to pay, say 43 non-privileged Ministers	4295 75
	$14927 75

JAMES CROIL,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Montreal, 14th May, 1872.

NOTE.—On the Roll of the Synod there are 84 non-privileged Ministers, the names of 41 of whom will be transmitted to the Board for the management of the General Sustentation Fund.

APPENDIX B.

ANNUAL REPORT OF GENERAL SUSTENTATION BOARD.

The Managers of the General Sustentation Fund beg leave to lay before the Synod the following report of the receipts and expenditure connected with the administration of the Fund for the year ending 30th December, 1871.

The whole amount received from congregations, private contributions, interest on bank account, together with the balance remaining from last year, is $8970 30.

Out of this there were paid, in June and December, two half-yearly equal dividends, at the rate of $100, to each Minister having a claim on the Fund, amounting to $8461 43. The expenses of management amounted to $354 85, including the salary of Secretary-Treasurer for eighteen months, at a like rate with the payments to Ministers, leaving a balance of cash on hand at the credit of this year's account of $154 02.

The Board feel that, upon the whole, they may safely congratulate the Synod upon the success that has so far attended this important scheme of the Church. At the same time, the Board desire, through the Synod, to call the attention of the congregations to the importance of observing greater punctuality in the forwarding of contributions to the Fund. A considerable portion of the sum required to meet the payments due on the 30th December last, was not received until long after the checks were issued. This caused a waste of time and money in correspondence, and was otherwise embarrassing.

It is further to be remarked that the amounts received from the several Presbyteries in each case, fell short of the sum agreed upon at the last meeting of the Synod, as appears from the following tabular statement:—

	Apportioned.	Paid.	Deficit.
Presbytery of Quebec	$ 600 00	$ 487 75	$ 112 25
" Montreal	2400 00	2254 12	145 88
" Glengary	750 00	726 50	23 50
" Perth	850 00	745 00	105 00
" Ottawa	900 00	886 00	14 00
" Kingston	600 00	480 53	119 47
" Toronto	1400 00	1307 50	92 50
" Victoria	500 00	472 75	27 25
" Hamilton	800 00	577 00	223 00
" London	750 00	573 00	177 00
" Saugeen	450 00	374 00	76 00
Congregation of New Richmond	50 00	50 00	
	$10050 00	$8909 15	$1115 85

The apparent difference between the actual receipts and apportionments is thus $1115 85. But, in reality, the deficiency is $1406 35; inasmuch as $165 now credited was paid on account of last half year's arrears: $85 50 in advance for next half year, and $40 represents two special donations. By reason of this shortcoming the Board were unable to fulfil their expectation of making up to claimants on the Fund the amounts remaining unpaid during the previous year.

As nearly as can be ascertained the arrears are chargeable to the following congregations:—

			Apportioned.	Arrears.
In the Presbytery of Quebec,		Valcartier*	$ 50 00	$ 37 25
" "	"	Point Levi	50 00	50 00
" "	"	Melbourne	100 00	25 00
" "	Montreal,	Lachine	70 00	6 45
" "	"	Russeltown	40 00	18 28
" "	"	Ormstown	120 00	100 00
" "	"	St. Matthew's, Montreal	50 00	25 00
" "	"	Dundee	100 00	100 00
" "	"	Elgin & Athelstane	80 00	6 65
" "	Glengary,	Williamstown	80 00	12 50
" "	"	Williamsburgh	80 00	10 00
" "	"	Finch	75 00	62 00
" "	"	Lancaster	80 00	4 00
" "	Perth,	Middleville & Dalhouise*	80 00	80 00
" "	"	Lombardy and Oliver's Ferry*	25 00	25 00
" "	Ottawa,	Plantagenet	25 00	15 50
" "	"	Mountain & S. Gower	70 00	23 00
" "	Kingston,	Seymour	75 00	45 00
" "	"	Wolfe Island	50 00	50 00
" "	"	Pittsburgh	50 00	25 00
" "	Toronto,	Caledon & Mono	50 00	50 00
" "	"	Whitby	50 00	25 00
" "	Victoria,	Eldon	100 00	70 00
" "	"	Port Hope	25 00	12 50
" "	Hamilton,	Hamilton	160 00	123 00
" "	"	Dundas	80 00	67 50
" "	London,	North Easthope	60 00	23 50
" "	"	Bayfield	30 00	16 00
" "	"	Glencoe	80 00	33 00
" "	"	Goderich	70 00	10 00
" "	"	East Oxford*	30 00	15 00
" "	"	Stratford*	75 00	75 00
" "	Saugeen,	Kincardine*	80 00	80 00
" "	"	Mount Forest*	50 00	50 00

Vacant Charges marked thus *

During the first half of the year *twelve* congregations—including vacant charges—made no contribution to the fund. During last half year the number had increased to *sixteen*. The congregation of Point Levi is the only one, having a Minister, that has not contributed to the Fund since its commencement.

The Synod is requested to sanction the payment of $100 made at the urgent request of the Presbytery of Ottawa, to the Rev. Hugh Borthwick, an ordained missionary within bounds.

The Board respectfully recommend that the amounts to be appropriated to the several Presbyteries—as their share of the Funds required for the current year—be the same respectively as last year, namely, $10050.

The retiring Members of the Board are the Rev. Kenneth Maclennan, M.A., and the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., who are elegible for re-election.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN JENKINS, D.D.,
Chairman.

Montreal, 8th May, 1872.

APPENDIX B; GENERAL SUSTENTATION FUND.

GENERAL SUSTENTATION FUND.

Congregational Contributions for the half-year ending 30th June and 30th December, 1871.

PRESBYTERIES.	June.	December.	Total.	
QUEBEC.	$	$	$	
Quebec	125 00	125 00	250 00	
Valcartier	12 75		12 75	
Point Levi				
Melbourne	50 00	25 00	75 00	
Three Rivers	50 00	50 00	100 00	
Sherbrooke	25 00	25 00	50 00	
				487 75
MONTREAL.				
Georgetown	60 00	88 00	148 00	
Lachine	35 10	28 45	63 55	
Beechridge	12 50	12 50	25 00	
Beauharnois	15 00	10 00	25 00	
Hemmingford	40 00	37 50	77 50	
Russeltown	16 87	4 85	21 72	
Ormstown	20 00		20 00	
St. Paul's, Montreal	300 00	300 00	600 00	
St. Mathew's, Montreal	25 00		25 00	
Chatham & Grenville	50 00	40 00	90 00	
Dundee				
St. Gabriel's, Montreal	100 00	100 00	200 00	
Elgin & Athelstane	33 35	40 00	73 35	
St. John's, Montreal	10 00	10 00	20 00	
St. Andrew's, "	300 00 and 130 for '70,	300 00	730 00	
St. Mark's, "		25 00	25 00	
Huntingdon	60 00	50 00	110 00	
Laprairie,				
				2254 12
GLENGARY.				
Lancaster	40 00	36 00	76 00	
Williamstown	33 00	34 50	67 50	
Williamsburgh	70 00		70 00	
Lochiel	50 00	50 00	100 00	
Martintown	50 00	40 00	90 00	
Osnabruck	40 00	40 00	80 00	
Cornwall	75 00	75 00	150 00	
Cote St. George	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Matilda	5 00	25 00	30 00	
Finch	13 00		13 00	
				726 50
PERTH.				
Pakenham	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Perth	80 00	80 00	160 00	
Smith's Falls	50 00	50 00	100 00	
Lanark	35 00	35 00	70 00	
Beckwith	37 50	37 50	75 00	
Brockville	50 00	50 00	100 00	
Ramsay	50 00	50 00	100 00	
Middleville & Dalhousie				
McNab & Horton	30 00	30 00	60 00	
"An Old Friend," Ramsay		30 00	30 00	
				745 00

Appendix B; General Sustentation Fund.

PRESBYTERIES.	June.	December.	Total.	
OTTAWA.	$	$	$	
Huntley				
Oxford	65 00	20 00	85 00	
Ross & Westmeath	42 50	30 00	72 50	
Plantaganet	4 00	5 50	9 50	
Richmond	35 00	30 00	65 00	
Ottawa	125 00	130 00	255 00	
Buckingham & Cumberland	50 00	40 00	90 00	
L'Orignal & Hawkesbury	50 00	40 00	90 00	
Mountain & South Gower	17 00	30 00	47 00	
Chelsea	35 00	25 00	60 00	
Arnprior	20 00	30 00	50 00	
Spencerville	17 50	20 00	37 50	
Litchfield & Coulonge		24 50	24 50	
				886 00
KINGSTON.				
Seymour	15 00	15 00	30 00	
Stirling	25 81	25 81	51 62	
Belleville	45 84	45 84	91 68	
Roslin & Thurlow	28 30	28 33	56 63	
Kingston	112 80	112 80	225 60	
Wolfe Island				
Pittsburgh		25 00	25 00	
				480 53
TORONTO.				
King	7 50	7 50	15 00	
Newmarket	12 50	12 50	25 00	
Scarboro	63 00	50 00	113 00	
Gwillimbury & Innisfil	35 00	35 00	70 00	
Orangeville	30 00	30 00	60 00	
West King	40 00	40 00	80 00	
Pickering, for 18 months	70 00	35 00	105 00	
Vaughan	40 00	40 00	80 00	
Nottawasaga	40 00	40 00	80 00	
Darlington	30 00	30 00	60 00	
Erin	25 00	30 00	55 00	
Purple Hill & E. Nott	30 00	30 00	60 00	
Georgina	25 00	20 00	45 00	
Markham	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Toronto	120 00	100 00	220 00	
Mulmur & Tossorontio, for 18 months	25 00	49 50	74 50	
Scott & Uxbridge	20 00	20 00	40 00	
Caledon & Mono				
Whitby	25 00		25 00	
Fergus		40 00	40 00	
A. D. Fordyce, donation		10 00	10 00	
				1307 50
VICTORIA.				
Thorah	50 00	50 00	100 00	
Eldon		30 00	30 00	
Brock	37 50	37 50	75 00	
Port Hope	12 50		12 50	
Clarke	10 50	20 00	30 50	
Lindsay	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Peterboro	62 75	50 00	112 75	
Balsover	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Dummer	6 00	6 00	12 00	
				472 75

Appendix B; General Sustentation Fund.

PRESBYTERIES.	June.	December.	Total.	
HAMILTON.	$	$	$	
Clifton	27 50	27 50	55 00	
Hamilton	37 00		37 00	
Simcoe	20 00	20 00	40 00	
Dundas	12 50		12 50	
Niagara	20 00	20 00	40 00	
Guelph	75 00	75 00	150 00	
Hornby	7 50	10 00	17 50	
Nelson & Waterdown	37 50	37 50	75 00	
Galt	50 00	50 00	100 00	
Woolwich	25 00	15 00	40 00	
Milton		10 00	10 00	
				577 00
LONDON.				
N. Easthope	22 50	14 00	36 50	
Westminster	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Chatham	42 50	42 50	85 00	
Wawanosh	8 00		8 00	
Bayfield		14 00	14 00	
N. Dorchester	17 00	18 00	35 00	
Glencoe	33 00	14 00	47 00	
London	50 00	50 00	100 00	
Goderich	35 00	25 00	60 00	
Kippen	30 00	30 00	60 00	
E. Oxford	15 00		15 00	
E. Williams	32 50	30 00	62 50	
Stratford				
				573 00
SAUGEEN.				
Paisley	45 00	35 00	80 00	
Owen Sound, for 18 months	50 00	100 00	150 00	
Priceville	39 00	35 00	74 00	
Leith & Johnson	35 00	35 00	70 00	
				374 00
NEW RICHMOND.				
Rev. John Wells	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Interest on Bank Account	16 12	11 45	27 57	
Balance from last year			8 58	
The whole amount is				$8970 30

GENERAL SUSTENTATION FUND.

Abstract of Account for the year ending 30th December, 1871.

Receipts.

1871.		
Dec. 30—Balance from last year	$	8 58
Amount of Congregational Contributions, Donations, and interest on Bank Account, as per detailed statement		8961 72
		$8970 30

Disbursements.

June 30—Paid an equal dividend at the rate of $100 to 44 Ministers, as per detailed statement		4349 00
Proportion of Church Agent's expenses attending Synod		13 00
Postages for half year, $13 50; stationery, $3 35.		16 85
Printing, $8; discount on silver, 45c.		8 45
Dec. 30—Paid dividend at the rate of $100 to 42 Ministers, per statement		4112 43
Secretary's salary for 18 months, equal rate with dividend		286 00
Postages, $9 50; printing, $5		14 50
Proportion of printing in Synod Minutes		12 75
Stationery		3 30
Balance on hand		154 02
		$8970 30

JAMES CROIL,
Treasurer.

Montreal, 30th Dec., 1871.

Certified to be correct.

GEORGE TEMPLETON,
JAMES MITCHELL.

Montreal, 4th May, 1872.

APPENDIX B; GENERAL SUSTENTATION FUND.

GENERAL SUSTENTATION FUND.

Payments to Ministers 30th June and 30th December, 1871.

Ordained.	June.	Dec.
1865—Duncan McDonald	$100 00	$
John Gordon	100 00	
James B. Muir	100 00	
John Jenkins, D.D.	100 00	
Joshua Fraser	100 00	100 00
Donald Ross	100 00	100 00
William Aitken	100 00	100 00
1866—Alexander Macdonald	100 00	100 00
Mathew W. McLean	100 00	100 00
William Cochrane	100 00	100 00
John S. Lochead	100 00	100 00
Ewen Macaulay	100 00	100 00
Henry Edmison	100 00	100 00
D. J. Macdonnell	100 00	100 00
1867—John M. McLeod	100 00	100 00
Daniel McGillivray	100 00	100 00
Donald Fraser	100 00	100 00
Elias Mullan	100 00	100 00
James A. Murray	100 00	100 00
Alexander McKay	100 00	100 00
Daniel M. Gordon	100 00	100 00
1868—John S. Burnet	100 00	100 00
Adam Spencer	100 00	100 00
Donald Strachan	100 00	100 00
Samuel McMorine	100 00	100 00
1869—John Bennett	100 00	100 00
William Anderson	100 00	100 00
James M. Gray	100 00	100 00
Joseph Eakin	100 00	100 00
Charles A. Doudiet	100 00	100 00
George Yeomans	100 00	100 00
Charles A. Tanner	100 00	100 00
William McLennan	100 00	100 00
Donald Macaulay	100 00	100 00
James Fraser	100 00	100 00
1870—David P. Niven	100 00	100 00
Robert Chambers	100 00	100 00
Edward B. Rodgers	100 00	100 00
James Carmichael	100 00	100 00
1867—Neil Macdougall	100 00	100 00
Gavin Lang	83 00	100 00
1871—Neil McNish	100 00	100 00
Smith Hutcheson	66 00	100 00
W. M. Black		37 46
Robert Campbell		74 97
P. S Livingston		100 00
Hugh Borthwick		
Amount of Payments, including deductions	$4349 00	$4112 43

JAMES CROIL,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Montreal, 30th December, 1871.

List of Ministers to be paid $100 *each from the General Sustentation Fund on the* 1*st of July,* 1872, *if the funds permit.*

Willliam Aitken.....
Alexander Macdonald.....
M. W. McLean. .....
William Cochrane.....
John S. Lochead.....
Ewan Macaulay.....
Henry Edmison. .....
D. J. Macdonnell..... .....
John M. McLeod .....
Neil McDougall..... . ...
Daniel McGillivray.....
Donald Fraser.....
Elias Mullan.....
James A. Murray.....
Alexander McKay .....
Daniel M. Gordon.....
John S. Burnet.....
Adam Spencer. .....
Donald Strachan .....
Samuel McMorine .....
John Bennett.....
William Anderson.....
James M. Gray.....
Joseph Eakin.....
Charles A. Doudiet.....
George Yeomans.....
Charles A. Tanner.....
Wm. McLennan.....
Donald Macaulay.....
James Fraser .....
David P. Niven.....
Robert Chambers.....
Edward B. Rogers.....
James Carmichael .....
Gavin Lang .....
Neil McNish.....
Smith Hutcheson .....
W. M. Black.....
P. S. Livingstone. ... .
Robert Campbell.....
Hugh Lamont..... .....

JAMES CROIL,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Montreal, 1st June, 1872.

APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

To the Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The Treasurer's financial statements for the year ending 10th April, duly certified by the Auditors, are herewith submitted.

For the first time since the discontinuance of the legislative grant in December, 1868, the Trustees are able to report an excess of revenue over expenditure. Statement No. 1 shows the excess to be $724 97. It must not be inferred, however, that this surplus indicates that the sources of income have been so completely re-established as to be adequate to meet the expenses of the Institution. It is accounted for in a great measure by special contributions to revenue, one of these being $981 08 (£200 stg.) from the funds of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland. An increase of invested capital is the only reliable means of improving the annual income. No doubt additional investments will be made and larger returns will thereby be obtained, during this year, but estimates carefully prepared by the Treasurer satisfy the Board that, unless contributions to revenue be again received, the next annual report will show a deficiency of between $300 and $400, even should there be no cause for increased expenditure. It is impossible, therefore, to apply any part of this year's surplus to the reduction of the debt caused by the deficiencies of the three years last preceding, and amounting, as stated in the last report of the Board, to $7807 90.

The receipts for the year in connection with the Endowment scheme are shown, in statement No. 5, to have been $14,819 90. The total amount collected since the commencement of the scheme is $92,029 12. This includes $5,450 94 received for revenue, and $790 96 disbursed for expenses incurred in prosecuting the scheme. The whole sum realized for capital is, therefore, $85,787 22, which is subject to the debt mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Of this sum $77,215 54 has been disposed of in securities, which the Treasurer submits in detail, and which the Auditors report to be both safe and advantageous for the interests of the College.

Recalling what seemed to be the almost hopeless condition of the finances a little more than three years ago, the friends of the College have much reason for gratitude on account of the very decided change for the better, which in that time has been brought about. The success which has attended the effort to raise a sufficient endowment may well encourage the belief that remaining difficulties will yet be overcome.

The session just closed has been a pleasant and successful one. The unusually large number of intrants, namely 19—a number not exceeded since the session of 1858-59—is particularly gratifying, especially as not fewer than 9 of them have intimated their intention

of studying for the ministry. This is regarded as the first fruits of the efforts made to obtain students in connection with the prosecution of the Endowment Scheme. Present indications warrant the expectation of a similar increase next session. Of 39 students registered 23 have the ministry in view, and of these 17 attended the Arts classes and 6 the Theological classes. In the affiliated Institutions, namely, the Kingston Collegiate Institute and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, the numbers enrolled were 86 and 35 respectively.

A bequest of $400 by the late Edward H. Hardy, of Kingston, has been received and applied to the general purposes of the Institution, agreeably to the benefactor's directions. Mr. Hardy was a warm friend of the College. He gave $50 per annum, several years doubling that amount, for scholarship purposes, and contributed $500 to the Endowment Fund. A memorial scholarship of $50, given by Mrs. Hardy, retains his name in prominent and useful connection with the Institution.

The gentleman in New Brunswick who was mentioned in last year's report, as having sent $400 for the founding of a scholarship which shall be open to students of any Presbyterian Church in the Dominion, has this year forwarded an additional contribution of $200. The donor of these sums is known to the Trustees only by his liberality.

Among the instances of friendly interest and assistance occurring during the past year may be mentioned a donation of 153 volumes to the Library, by Mrs. Machar, Kingston. These, with other recent gifts, make a total of 292 volumes received from that lady. The collection contains many rare and valuable works. Mrs. Machar also presented to the College a very fine bust of the late Prinicpal Macfarlane of Glasgow University.

For all other good offices, rendered to the Institution since the date of their last report, the Trustees offer their grateful acknowledgments.

Because of the present state of negotiations for a union of Presbyterians the meeting of Synod, to which this report is submitted, will take an important place in the history of the Canadian Branch of the Church of Scotland. It is the earnest prayer of the Trustees that the wisdom which cometh from above may be graciously vouchsafed to the members, and that the results of their deliberations may be to the glory of God and the prosperity of the Church.

All which is respectfully submitted, in the name and by the appointment of the Board of Trustees.

JOHN HAMILTON,
Chairman.

Queen's College, 25th April, 1872.

No. 1—STATEMENT OF ORDINARY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE AT KINGSTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 10TH APRIL, 1872.

REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.		
			Salaries.		
Grant from Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland		$1470 00	The Principal	$2200 00	
Temporalities' Board		2000 00	Prof. Williamson	1600 00	
Dividends on Bank Stock		2080 00	" Mowat	1500 00	
Kingston Observatory		500 00	" Murray	1500 00	
Fees—Class and Graduation		52 00	" Mackerras	1400 00	
Interest on Mortgages, Government Securities, Debentures and Bank deposits		4778 89	" Dupuis	1000 00	
Bequest from late E. H. Hardy, Esq		400 00	" Ferguson	1400 00	
Subscriptions, Donations, &c., viz.:			Registrar & Sec'y to Senate	50 00	
Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, £200 Stg	$981 08		Librarian	80 00	
Scotland, £5 Stg.	24 55		Sec'y & Treasurer	400 00	
Canada	510 00		Janitor	300 00	
Interest on subscription to Endowment Fund	214 46				11430 00
		1730 09	Insurance	145 00	
			Repairs—College	41 76	
			Taxes on Lands	28 65	
			Prize Books	53 94	
			Travelling exp's	167 35	
			Advertising	9 55	
			Printing and Stationery	77 05	
			Cards for Museum	1 75	
			Fee City Messenger — Observatory Lectures	2 00	
			Diplomas	30 00	
			Chemicals	9 65	
			Rent of Janitor's dwelling-house	60 00	
			Tinsmith & Plumber work, Oil, &c	27 11	
			Thawing water pipes	5 10	
			Fuel	153 93	
			Cleaning Rooms	4 55	
			Postages, Telegrams and sundry small disbursements	19 71	
			Gas	3 90	
			Water Rent	15 01	
					856 01
			Balance (surplus)		724 97
		$13010 98			$13010 98

Queen's College, Kingston, 19th April, 1872.

W. IRELAND, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Certified as correct, as per separate Report.

JOHN KERR,
JOHN CREIGHTON, } *Auditors.*

Kingston, 21st April, 1872.

No. 2—STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE AT KINGSTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING 10TH APRIL, 1872.

RECEIPTS.

Balances—Endowment Funds in Merchants' Bank on 10th April, 1871		$12034 49
Colonial Committee Grant, 1871	1470 00	
Temporalities' Board	2000 00	
Bank Dividends—12 months dividends on 260 shares Merchants' Bank Stock at 8 per cent	2080 00	
Interest—On Mortgages	$1091 67	
On Bank Deposits	673 38	
On Dominion Stock	594 00	
On Debentures	1290 00	
On City of Montreal Stock	637 00	
From Professors, *et al*	492 84	
	$4778 89	
Less unpaid	370 50	
	4408 39	
Fees—Class Registration and Graduation	254 00	
Kingston Observatory	500 00	
Scholarships and Prize Essays, as per statement No. 4	1661 33	
Funds for Investment—Ralston Mortgage $400 00 McIsaacs' " on acct. 100 00	500 00	
A. Livingston—Arrears of Interest	133 00	
Young Men's Christian Association, do.	54 00	
Bequest from late E. H. Hardy, Esq.	400 00	
Campbell & Macdonnell—Arrears	450 00	
Freehold P. B. & Sav'g Soc'ty, Toronto—Arrears.	124 55	
Subscriptions, &c., to Revenue through Endowment Fund Account—		
Colonial Committee of Church of Scotland, £200 stg	$981 08	
Scotland	24 55	
Canada	510 00	
Interest on Subscription to Endowment Fund	214 46	
	1730 09	
Endowment Fund—Receipts	14819 90	
To be transferred to Endowment Fund	25 00	
		30610 26
		$42644 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries as per Statement No. 1	11430 00		
Disbursements as per Statement No. 1	856 01		
			12286 01
Fees—Registration, paid Treasurer of Library	152 00		
Apparatus, paid Professor of Natural Philosophy	32 00		
Apparatus, paid Professor of Chemistry	18 00		
			202 00
Scholarships and Prize Essays as per Statement No. 4			1327 00
Kingston Water Works Company, Balance 1871.			50 00
Rev. A. Lewis, paid P. S. Livingston, "Lewis Prize"			25 00
Mortgage—Thos. Raworth (Mowat Scholarship Funds) Invested	450 00		
J. Jardine—(Prince of Wales Scholarship Funds)	300 00		
			750 00
Endowment Fund—Travelling Expenses.	$ 58 47		
Bank Agency	1 35		
Postages & Telegrams	9 22		
Printing & Stationery	1 00		
Investigating application for Loan	2 00		
Commission on Loan	4 00		
Subscription twice paid, returned	4 00		
Transferred to Revenue	1730 09		
		1810 13	
Invested in Mortgages—			
J. R. Trumpour	4000 00		
J Foley	1300 00		
A. Smyth	600 00		
George Raworth	1200 00		
A. Greeley	3000 00		
J. L. Silver	400 00		
Invested in Debentures—			
Township of Bexley	2895 00		
" " Sommerville	2895 00		
Deposited with P. B. Society, Toronto	2041 94		
In College funds	25 00		
Deposited in Merchants' Bank	6911 32		
			27078 39
Cash in Merchants' Bank—General Funds			926 35
			$42644 75

Queen's College, Kingston, 19th April, 1872.

W. IRELAND,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Certified as correct, as per separate Report.

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JOHN CREIGHTON, } *Auditors.*

Kingston, 21st April, 1872.

No. 3—BALANCE SHEET, SHOWING THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE AT KINGSTON ON 10TH APRIL, 1872.

DR.

Royal Charter, cost of		$ 3107 37
Class apparatus		3633 92
Library—Expenditure on		3399 68
Furniture account		1429 09
College Premises		41740 61
Bank Stock—		
160 shares Merchants' Bank Stock at par	$16000 00	
100 " " at 7 per cent. prem.	10700 00	
		26700 00
Young Men's Christian Association of St. Andrew's Church.		54 00
Freehold P. Building Society, Toronto		4965 69
Canada Dominion Stock, viz:—		
Leitch Memorial Funds	2400 00	
Michie Bequest	2000 00	
College Funds	7900 00	
Prince of Wales Scholarship	400 00	
Mowat Scholarship	200 00	
		12900 00
Montreal Public Property Stock		10010 00
Debentures—County of Frontenac	3000 00	
Township of Thorah	4000 00	
" " Caledon	3500 00	
" " Mono	3000 00	
" " Brock	2500 00	
" " Eldon	2500 00	
" " Bexley	3000 00	
" " Sommerville	3000 00	
		24500 00
Bills Receivable		600 00
A. Livingston		66 50
Lands—100 acres W. ½ 19, 2nd Con. Marmora	300 00	
100 " E. ½ 21, 11th Con. Belmont	300 00	600 00
Mortgages on Real Estate, viz:—		
A. J. Macdonnell	4586 55	
D. McMillan	150 00	
George Neilson	1000 00	
J. McMahon	200 00	
John Morton	400 00	
Samuel Woods, *et al*, Trustees	675 00	
Small & Livingston	1900 00	
Thomas Dunn	240 00	
Alexander McIsaacs	175 00	
Archibald Ferguson	6000 00	
J. R. Trumpour	4000 00	
Thos. Raworth, Mowat Scholarship	450 00	
Jeremiah Foley	1300 00	
Alexander Smyth	600 00	
J. Jardine, Prince of Wales Scholarship	300 00	
George Raworth	1200 00	
A. Greeley	3000 00	
J. L. Silver	400 00	
		26576 55
Carried forward		$160283 41

Brought forward		$160283 41
Toronto Scholarship Stock, 3 shares M. B. stock.	$300 00	
Kingston " " 3 " " "	300 00	
		600 00
Merchants' Bank Endowment Fund Account	6911 32	
Merchants' Bank	926 35	
		7837 67
		$168721 08

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Endowment New Chair in Theology	$ 1163 22
Michie Bequest	2000 00
Rev. A. Lewis	407 00
Henry Glass, Memorial Scholarship Endowment	500 00
Funds for Investment	2022 96
Bursary Endowments	2309 75
Students in Arts for Ministry (Class Fees)	180 00
Leitch Memorial Funds	2462 03
Scholarships	1785 98
Endowment Fund Account	85787 22
Profit and Loss	70102 92
	$168721 08

Queen's College, Kingston, 19th April, 1872.

W. IRELAND,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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JOHN CREIGHTON, } *Auditors.*

Kingston, 21st April, 1872.

No. 4—STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZE ESSAYS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 10TH APRIL, 1872.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand 10th April, 1871, per acct				$1451 65
Prize Essays			$100 00	
Dominion	Scholarship		200 00	
Cataraqui	do.		50 00	
Leitch Memorial	do.	No. 2	86 40	
Mowat	do.		50 00	
Prince of Wales	do.		74 05	
Campbell	do.		80 00	
St. And'w's, Scotl'd,	do.		36 48	
Kingston Ladies'	do.		24 00	
Carried forward			$700 93	1451 65

	Brought forward		$700 93	1451 65
Watkins	Scholarship		80 00	
St. Paul's, Montreal,	do.	No. 1	60 00	
St. Paul's, Montreal,	do.	No. 2	60 00	
Leitch Memorial	do.	No. 1	57 60	
Hardy Memorial	do.		50 00	
Synod	do.	No. 1	80 00	
Aberdeen Univ'sity	do.		33 80	
Toronto Ladies'	do.		24 00	
Synod	do.	No. 2	80 00	
Synod	do.	No. 3	80 00	
Synod	do.	No. 4	60 00	
Synod	do.	No. 5	50 00	
Colonial Committee Church of Scotland			245 00	
				1661 33
				$3112 98

DISBURSEMENTS.

Prize Essays—Paid Principal for Prizes			$48 00	
Dominion	Scholarship—E. D. McLaren		50 00	
Col. Committee	do. No. 1	A. H. Cameron	50 00	
Col. Committee	do. No. 2	J. J. Cameron	50 00	
Cataraqui	do.	R. Shaw	50 00	
Leitch Memorial	do. No. 2	J. F. Fraser	86 40	
Mowat	do.	H. A. Asselstine	50 00	
Prince of Wales	do.	Prizes $60		
		Expenses foreclosure Ralston Mortgage.. 10		
			70 00	
Allan	do.	A. McMurchy	50 00	
Campbell	do.	W. Mundell	80 00	
Kingston Ladies'	do.	W. Donald	35 00	
Watkins	do.	R. W. Shannon	80 00	
St. Paul's Montreal	do. No. 1	A. McRae	60 00	
St. Paul's Montreal	do. No. 2	R. J. Craig	60 00	
Leitch Memorial	do. No. 1	G. R. Webster	57 60	
Hardy Memorial	do.	D. McIntyre	50 00	
Synod	do. No. 1	J. J. Craig	80 00	
Aberdeen Univ'sty	do.	P. C. McNee	50 00	
Synod	do. No. 2	W. A. Lang	80 00	
Synod	do. No 3	A. P. Knight	80 00	
Synod	do. No. 4	M. McGillivray	60 00	
Synod	do. No. 5	J. Cormack	50 00	
				1327 00
Balance				1785 98
				$3112 98

Queen's College, Kingston, 19th April, 1872.

W. IRELAND,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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JOHN CREIGHTON, } *Auditors.*

Kingston, 21st April, 1872.

No. 5—STATEMENT OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 10TH APRIL, 1872.

RECEIPTS.

Amount received to 10th April, 1869		$21255 83	
10th April, 1870		33166 73	
10th April, 1871		22786 66	
		77209 22	
Deduct expenses to 10th April, 1871	$ 710 92		
Transfers to Revenue " "	3720 85		
	4431 77		
			72777 45
Received from 10th April, 1871, to 10th April, 1872			14819 90
			$87597 35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Travelling Expenses	$ 58 47		
Bank Agency and Express Charges	1 35		
Postages and Telegrams	9 22		
Printing and Stationery	1 00		
Investigating Application for Loan	2 00		
Commission on Loan	4 00		
Subscriptions Returned (twice paid)	4 00		
Transferred to Revenue Account for Subscription, and Interest on Subscription	1730 09		
		1810 13	
Balance		85787 22	
		$87597 35	

Accounted for as follows:—

City of Montreal, 91 shares at 10 per cent. prem.	$10010 00	
County of Frontenac Debentures $3000, at 5 per cent. discount	2850 00	
Township of Thorah Debentures, $2000, at 8¼ per cent. discount	1835 00	
Township of Thorah Debentures, $2000, at 8 per cent. discount	1840 00	
53 Shares Merchants' Bank Stock at par	5300 00	
100 " " " " at 7 per cent. prem	10700 00	
Township of Caledon Debentures, $3500, at 5 per cent. discount	3325 00	
Township of Mono Debentures, $3000, at 5 per cent. discount	2850 00	
Mortgages—A. Ferguson, Montreal	6000 00	
T. Dunn, Camden	240 00	
A. McIsaacs, Mara	175 00	
J. R. Trumpour, Hillier	4000 00	
J. Foley, Garafraxa	1300 00	
A. Smyth, Kingston	600 00	
G. Raworth, Ernestown	1200 00	
A. Greeley, Sophiasburg	3000 00	
J. L. Silver, Loughboro'	400 00	
Bills Receivable—Charles Rogers, Toronto	100 00	
Robert Hay, Toronto	500 00	
Township of Brock Debentures, $2500, at 6 per cent. discount	2350 00	
Township of Eldon Debentures, $2500, at 4½ per cent. discount	2387 50	
Township of Bexley Debentures, $3000, at 3½ per cent. discount	2895 00	
Township of Sommerville Debentures, $3000, at 3½ per cent. discount	2895 00	
Permanent F. Building Society, Toronto	4715 69	
Invested in College Buildings	5747 35	
		77215 54
Lent College	1660 36	
Cash in Merchants' Bank	6911 32	
		8571 68
		$85787 22

Queen's College, Kingston, 19th April, 1872.

W. IRELAND,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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JOHN KERR,
JOHN CREIGHTON, } *Auditors.*

Kingston, 21st April, 1872.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON THE ENDOWMENT OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

To the Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

Owing to sundry interruptions the new work of the past year was less than that of any year since the commencement of the Scheme. The following charges were visited in the course of the summer:—King, East Nottawasaga and Purple Hill, North Easthope, Kippen, Paisley, Williams, Caledon and Mono, Orangeville, North Dorchester, Woolwich, Balsover and Eldon. In all of these the reception accorded to the deputation was most cordial and an active interest in the furtherance of the enterprise was manifested. The Ministers cheerfully rendered most valuable assistance. Subscriptions were obtained to the amount of $2755 77.

So advanced a stage in the prosecution of the Scheme has now been reached that your Committee in reviewing, on this occasion, the whole of the work done, feel themselves called upon to enter into particulars more fully than seemed to be proper in any previous report.

The Special meeting of Synod at which the Scheme was devised, was held in the Church in which the Synod is now met, on the 6th and 7th days of January, 1869, having been convened to consider the position of the College, especially as affected by the action of the Legislature of Ontario in discontinuing the annual grant of $5000 which the College had been receiving in aid of its Arts Department. It having been resolved that "it is of the greatest importance to the interests of the Church and higher education generally that this institution be efficiently maintained," it was proposed "to accomplish the endowment of it to the extent of *at least* $100,000," and it was understood that three years from the first of April following should suffice to determine the success of this proposal, in the event of its not being soon proved to be a failure. Some members of Synod were desirous that a larger amount should be named. All were anxious that more should be got if possible. There were few so sanguine as to expect that the minimum specified would be obtained. Some statements respecting subscriptions and payments will set forth the results of efforts to give effect to the Synod's views.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The total amount of subscriptions		$114,082 32
includes the following :—		
By graduates and alumni		12,846 00
By friends in other churches, Kingston	$6699 00	
Do. do. elsewhere	4390 50	
		11,089 00
Endowment Scholarships, 57 of $500 each		28,500 00
Do. Nominations, 223 of $100 each		22,300 00
Subscriptions not due		739 50
Do. due, but not collected		20,245 70
Do. which cannot be collected owing to the death of subscribers and other causes		3,546 00
Unpaid subscriptions bearing interest		1,330 00
Largest single subscription		6,000 00
Smallest do.		05

86 pastoral charges have been visited from house to house. Subscriptions have been received from 10 places not visited. The total number of subscriptions is 5,207.

PAYMENTS.

The total amount collected		$94,886 62
includes the following :—		
Donations to revenue	$1600 00	
Interest on subscriptions	1789 50	
Subscriptions from Scotland	2091 45	
Transferred to revenue and therefore used	$5480 95	
Expenses, being total charge for obtaining subscriptions and payments	791 21	
		6,272 16
Transferred to Capital		$88,614 46
and thus accounted for :—		
Invested in securities bearing interest at an average rate of $6 96 per cent. per annum	$77520 54	
On Deposit at 4 per cent	9433 56	
Lent the College	1660 36	
		88,614 46

The annual progress of the collection may be shown in connection with the financial year of the College, thus :—

10 April, 1869	$21,255 82		
" 1870	54,422 56	Increase,	$33,166 73
" 1871	77,209 22	"	22,786 66
" 1872	92,029 12	"	14,819 90
31st May, 1872	94,886 62	"	2,857 50

An appendix to this report gives alphabetical lists of charges visited and other places from which subscriptions have been received, the number of subscriptions in each, the sums subscribed, and the amounts paid (inclusive of interest when allowed by subscribers). In the following charges and sections of charges, all subscriptions have been paid—Grenville, Hawkesbury, Laprairie, Nelson, Niagara, North Dorchester, Waterdown and Woolwich.

APPENDIX D; REPORT OF ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE.

Although the minimum endowment aimed at has not yet been obtained, the amount of the legislative grant discontinued in December, 1868, has been more than provided for by new revenue to the amount of $5,776, derived from funds collected. This has been accomplished without disarranging or obstructing any of the business in which the Synod is interested. On the contrary, it is believed that the accomplishment of it has had some effect in stimulating the ordinary and general work of the Church.

It must not be imagined, however, that the time has come when the friends of the College can afford to be inactive or unconcerned. The finances cannot be considered as being in a secure and healthy state until the endowment is so augmented as that the revenue from it will meet the whole decrease of income reported last year, namely :— $5,000 from the stoppage of the Government grant; $1,280 from the suspension of the Commercial Bank; $250 from the discontinuance of rent for buildings formerly used by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, and $500 on account of the exemption of students from class fees under the system of endowment nominations—in all $7,030. And then the amount reported last year as having been advanced to meet deficiencies in revenue from April, 1869, to April, 1871, namely, $7,807 90, has to be made up.

Estimating the unpaid subscriptions at $12,000, this will give an additional annual return of $720. It is earnestly hoped that the local Treasurers, who have been rendering excellent service to the scheme, will succeed before long in completing the work in their hands, and it is expected that a few thousand dollars in subscriptions will be obtained in charges not yet visited.

Supposing by these means an adequate, but barely adequate, income to be secured there will still be open, to all who desire to see the Institution increasing in strength and efficiency of equipment, abundant opportunities for the exercise of a liberality similar to that which, in these days, is extended to so many Colleges both in the old world and the new.

Meanwhile, as regards this scheme, inaugurated with much anxiety and doubting a little more than three years ago, the first and principal object of it has, with the blessing of God upon hearty co-operation and zealous efforts, been satisfactorily attained. This is one of the best of reasons for continued energy, perseverance and hope.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. SNODGRASS,
Convener.

Queen's College, 31st May, 1872.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ENDOWMENT FUND OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE TO 31st MAY, 1872, INCLUSIVE.

PLACES.	No. of Subscriptions	Amount Subscribed.	Amount Paid.
Arnprior	61	$ 376 75	274 75
Beauharnois and Chateaugay	51	152 00	132 00
Balsover and Kirkfield	66	275 25	97 75
Beamsville	1	100 00	100 00
Beckwith and Carleton Place	71	759 50	701 00
Belleville	37	589 00	539 25
Brock	60	290 00	241 00
Brockville	57	1356 00	1097 00
Buckingham and Cumberland	51	493 47	361 97
Caledon and Mono	58	104 00	87 50
Chatham, Ont.	58	400 50	343 50
Chatham, Que. and Grenville	86	224 35	208 35
Chelsea	60	204 80	200 80
Clifton	46	880 00	655 00
Coulonge and Litchfield	45	419 00	347 00
Cornwall	83	1774 80	1322 30
Dorchester, North	31	247 00	247 00
Dundas	65	708 50	519 50
Easthope, North	35	310 02	227 02
Eldon	55	250 00	114 00
Elgin and Athelstane	111	390 50	380 50
Galt	113	1131 25	992 26
Georgetown	108	481 50	410 50
Georgina	46	202 00	199 00
Glencoe	40	432 00	55 00
Guelph	62	1502 00	1426 67
Gwillimbury W. and Innisfil	21	157 00	135 00
Hamilton	45	1544 50	1345 00
Hornby and Trafalgar	20	93 50	82 50
Huntingdon	92	378 60	327 10
Kingston	140	20152 00	14291 00
King	14	55 00	50 00
King West	36	420 00	412 00
Kippen	69	114 50	96 50
Lachine	28	460 00	341 50
Lanark	77	800 00	703 50
Lancaster	93	346 25	112 25
Laprairie	21	67 50	67 50
London	57	707 00	380 51
L'Orignal and Hawkesbury	49	654 86	506 86
Macnab and Horton	93	614 50	599 00
Markham	18	405 00	398 00
Martintown	64	700 55	698 55
Melbourne	101	313 34	232 84
Middleville and Dalhousie	92	1162 25	1087 81
Milton	21	462 00	346 00
Montreal	277	26177 70	26309 50
Nelson and Waterdown	34	621 50	621 50
Niagara	28	260 00	260 00
Nottawasaga and Nottawasaga E. [and Purple Hill.	97	673 00	612 87
Orangeville	51	286 50	98 50

APPENDIX D; REPORT OF ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ENDOWMENT FUND.—*Continued.*

PLACES.	No. of Subscriptions	Amount Subscribed.	Amount Paid.
Ormstown	91	$ 570 00	$ 409 00
Osnabruck	55	462 40	453 90
Ottawa	48	8598 00	6952 50
Paisley and Walkerton	48	397 50	118 50
Pakenham	80	511 00	375 50
Pembroke	3	111 00	11 00
Perth	186	3682 85	3025 95
Pickering	35	456 00	360 00
Pittsburgh	43	168 00	139 50
Point St. Charles	54	204 75	108 25
Port Hope and Knoxville	44	92 82	50 32
Ramsay	65	1251 50	1083 50
Ross and Westmeath	109	910 50	784 00
Russeltown	41	136 50	124 50
Seymour	121	870 50	757 70
Scarborough	67	1333 91	1301 23
Scott and Uxbridge	59	246 25	221 25
Sherbrooke and Windsor Mills	87	165 00	139 00
Smith's Falls	52	786 50	397 85
St. Catherines	6	86 00	31 00
Stirling	44	561 00	497 00
Thorah	22	1485 00	1104 00
Toronto	79	8698 00	6217 00
Tossorontio and Mulmur	38	337 00	167 00
Vaughan	60	717 60	689 60
Westminster	50	524 00	275 00
Whitby	60	658 75	493 05
Williams	72	680 50	376 00
Williamsburg	42	249 00	206 00
Williamstown	115	909 30	861 30
Wolfe Island	64	316 00	164 00
Woolwich	29	48 50	48 50

PLACES NOT VISITED.	No. of Subscriptions	Amount Subscribed.	Amount Paid.
Fredericton, N.B.	1	$ 300 00	$ 100 00
Glanford	1	100 00	100 00
Goderich	1	25 00	25 00
India	1	100 00	100 00
Kitley	1	5 00	5 00
Orillia	1	4 00	4 00
Peterborough	4	2500 00	1624 00
Prescott	1	50 00	50 00
Sacramento, U. S.	1	1000 00	1000 00
Scotland	33	2091 45	2091 45

APPENDIX E.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

In presenting to the Synod this, their twenty-fifth annual Report, the Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund deem it timely to congratulate the Synod upon the success, which a review of the first quarter of a century of its existence shows, has attended the working of the Scheme. Inaugurated with misgivings and apprehensions it has far more than realized the expectations of its most sanguine promoters. Twenty-five years ago the first small contributions from Ministers and congregations were reported to your Reverend Court. To-day the funded capital of the Board amounts to $67,500, yielding a revenue of upwards of $4000. To the faith and energy of its late and venerable first chairman, a large amount of this success must be attributed.

From the Treasurer's statement, which accompanies this Report, it will be seen that the Synodical year just ended, although one of considerable prosperity to the Fund, is marked by a large number of congregations that have failed to return collections to the scheme. No fewer than 52 congregations are defaulters in this respect. Of these, however, 15 sent contributions to the fund during the year, although such contributions had to be laid to the credit of a former year. The Board think it right to inform the Synod that, besides the large number of congregations, mentioned at length in the Treasurer's statement, as in arrears for the year just closed, the following congregations have not forwarded contributions to the Fund for the period stated below :—Arthur, for 4 years ; Dundas, 4 years ; Eldon, 5 years ; Scott and Uxbridge, 5 years ; St. Matthew's, Montreal, 3 years ; Martintown, 3 years ; Roslin & Thurlow, 6 years ; Pittsburgh, 2 years ; Lombardy & Oliver's Ferry, 4 years ; Kitley, 4 years ; Stirling, 4 years ; Lochiel, 3 years ; Finch, 2 years ; Southwold, 4 years ; Mount Forest, 4 years ; Ormstown, 2 years ; Wolfe Island, 2 years ; Huntingdon, 1 year ; Elgin and Athelstane, 1 year ; Whitby, 1 year ; Clarke, 1 year ; Westminister, 1 year ; London, 1 year ; Williams, 1 year ; Woodstock and Norwich, 2 years ; Paisley, 1 year ; Richmond, 1 year ; Goderich, 1 year. The Board make no comment on the above formidable array of figures, but leave it with the Synod to deal with the alarming state of things set forth in this *exhibit*, as its continuance must prove most prejudicial to this important Fund of the Church. It is true, a considerable amount of these arrears must be accounted for from protracted vacancies in congregations that are small and poor, but this plea cannot be urged in all cases, as some of the defaulting congregations are among the largest and ablest in the Synod, and have been regularly supplied with ordinances. The Board feel sure that it is only necessary that the Synod should have these facts laid before it to cause it to take means to vindicate its authority. This is all the more imperative, now that, in compliance with the reiterated wish of the Synod, the

Board have resolved to increase the annuities paid to widows out of the congregational department of the Fund.

The amount of congregational collections for the year now ending, is $1881 70, against $1913 37 last year; and the arrears received, sum up $209 25, against $352 47 the year previous. To make up for this deficit, the interest derived from investments this year is $4088 61, against $3958 64; so that the total revenue for the year just closed, is $7941 06, exclusive of a legacy of $50, against $7826 48 last year.

Acting upon the recommendation of the Synod last year, the Board have taken into serious consideration the advisability of raising the scale of annuities previously granted to widows. By a careful comparison of the claims upon the Fund with the entire revenue at the disposal of the Board, they came to the conclusion that a small advance upon the present scale might be made without danger to the Fund. They agreed to the following amendment upon article 13, section 4, of the Rules and Regulations of the Fund :—That the clause beginning, "where the average is $12," down to the end of the article, be altered so as to read,

Where the av'ge is $12, and does not am't to		$15,		the annuity shall be	$80
Do.	15	do.	18	do.	90
Do.	18	do.	24	do.	100
Do.	24	do.	30	do.	110
Do.	30	do.	36	do.	120
Do.	36	do.	42	do.	135
Do.	42	do.	48	do.	145
Do.	48	do.	54	do.	155
Do.	54	do.	60	do.	165
Do.	60	do.	72	do.	180
Do.	72	do.	84	do.	200
Do.	84	do.	96	do.	220
Do.	96	do.	108	do.	240
Do.	108	do.	120	do.	260
Do.	120	do.	132	do.	280
Do.	132 and upwards,			do.	300

And no annuity shall exceed the last mentioned sum of $300, and that all collections averaging less than $12, shall be made subject to special consideration."

This amendment, besides providing for two additional averages, one at the lower and the other at the higher end of the scale, promises to widows an addition of about ten per cent. upon what is now paid to them out of the congregational department of the Fund, which is as much as the Board think can safely be given in present circumstances. They submit the amended article to the Synod for approval.

Agreeably to the instructions received from the Synod at last meeting, the Board applied to the Dominion Legislature for an amendment to the Act of Incorporation, asking to be allowed to enjoy a larger revenue than one thousand five hundred pounds, the amount to which the present act limits the Board. The Synod will be gratified to learn that a bill has passed both Houses of Parliament, and now awaits the assent of the Governor-General granting an extension of the limit of revenue to $20,000. The thanks of the Synod are due to the Hon. Alexander Morris and the Hon. Alexander Campbell for their great kindness in taking charge of the bill in its passage through the Houses to which they respectively belong.

The Board have to acknowledge the receipt of fifty dollars ($50) from the executors of the estate of the late Mrs. Thomas Wilson, of Montreal, the amount of a legacy left to this scheme by that lady, herself the widow of one of the original members of the Board.

It will be matter of great thankfulness to the Synod to learn that no addition has been made to the number of widows, deriving aid from the Fund, since the last meeting. The heirs Mathieson having reached the age indicated in the By-Laws, their names are removed from the list of annuitants. Otherwise, the claims upon the Fund remain the same as they were a year ago.

The Board would respectfully urge upon the Synod the great importance of Presbyteries being prompt in making returns of widows and orphans that ought to be placed upon the list of annuitants, as well as of the deaths of widows or minors, within their respective bounds. They would further request the Synod to instruct Presbyteries to make full returns of the names of Ministers within their bounds, who have wives and minor children, showing the charges to which they belong, as is done in the Church of Scotland; such information being necessary to enable the Board to estimate the probable future claims upon the Fund.

The Board have again to represent to the Synod the great obligations under which this scheme lies to the indefatigable Treasurer, Mr. Archibald Ferguson, to whose accuracy and careful management much of its prosperity is due.

All which is respectfully submitted, in name, and by appointment of the Board.

ROBERT CAMPBELL,
Chairman.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Arrears due May, 1871.

Bayfield and Varna	H. Gibson	$ 12 00
Simcoe	M. W. Livingstone	12 00
Leith and Johnston	E. R. Rogers	14 00
Richmond	E. Mullan	7 00
Peterboro'	K. McLennan	25 00
Pittsburgh	P. S. Livingston	4 00
Fergus	J. B. Mullan	24 00
Spencerville	E. Mullan	4 00
Matilda	G. Porteous	10 00
Georgina	D. P. Niven	7 50
South Gower	Wm. Cleland	12 00
Kippen	J. S. Eakin	4 25
Plantaganet	Thomas Scott	4 00
Markham	J. M. Carmichael	12 00
Finch	Vacant	5 00
Point Levi	D. Anderson	24 00
Scarboro'	J. Bain	28 50
		$209 25

Receipts for the year 1872.

Beechridge	J. McDonald	$ 9 00
Perth	W. Bain, D.D.	36 25
Clifton	G. Bell, LL.D.	20 00
West King	J. Carmichael	12 00
Goderich	J. Sieveright	20 00
St. Andrew's Church, Montreal	Gavin Lang	250 00
Brockville	D. McGillivray	39 07
Cornwall	N. McNish	30 00
St. Gabriel's, Montreal	R. Campbell	80 75

Guelph	J. Hogg, D.D.	$ 33 60
Dummer	J. Paul	5 00
Vaughan	W. Aitken	12 00
Paisley	M. W. McLean	6 25
Toronto	D. J. Macdonnell	60 00
Valcartier	Vacant	5 00
Hamilton	R. Burnet	25 00
Newmarket	J. Brown	12 00
Pakenham	A. Mann	16 00
Arnprior	D. J. McLean	12 50
Hornby and Trafalgar	W. Stewart	4 00
Winterbourne	G. A. Yeomans	6 00
Buckingham and Cumberland	W. Anderson	22 00
North Dorchester	J. Gordon	12 00
Chatham	J. Rannie	15 00
Nottawasaga	D. McDonald	15 55
Laprairie	Vacant	4 53
Port Hope	M. W. McLean	14 50
Lachine	W. Simpson	22 00
East Williams	R. Chambers	8 50
North Georgetown	J. C. Muir, D.D.	17 00
Balsover	E. McAulay	6 00
Quebec	J. Cook, D.D	80 00
Ottawa	D. M. Gordon	59 30
Williamstown	P. Watson	10 25
Clarke	W. White	4 50
Brock	A. Currie	12 00
Whitby	J. Fraser	12 00
Priceville	D. Fraser	12 00
Niagara	C. Campbell	21 00
Darlington	A. Spencer	6 00
Osnabruck	J. S. Mullan	12 00
Kingston	Vacant	80 00
Mono and Caledon	P. Lindsay	12 50
L'Orignal and Hawkesbury	W. McLennan	19 00
Beauharnois and Chateauguay	F. P. Sym	42 00
Williamsburgh	J. Davidson	16 00
Three Rivers	J. Bennett	12 00
McNab and Horton	Vacant	21 00
Galt	J. B. Muir	24 00
Erin	D. Strachan	29 00
Hemmingford	J. Patterson	12 00
Belleville	J. C. Smith	26 00
Scott and Uxbridge	A. McLennan	8 00
Sherbrooke	C. A. Tanner	20 00
King	J. Tawse	12 00
Milton	R. Dobie	12 00
Oxford	W. T. Canning	4 00
West Gwillimbury	W. McKee	10 00
Smith's Falls	Solomon Mylne	10 00
Lancaster	Thos. McPherson	12 00
Seymour	R. Neil, D.D.	20 00
Pickering	W. R. Ross	12 50
Elgin and Athelstane	J. S. Lochead	9 00
St. John's, Montreal	C. A. Doudiet	5 00
Owen Sound	D. Morrison	22 00
St. Paul's, Montreal	J. Jenkins, D.D.	200 65
Huntly	J. Sinclair	12 00
Simcoe	M. W. Livingstone	12 00

Chatham and Grenville	D. Ross	$ 12 00
Ross and Westmeath	H. Cameron	12 00
Tossorontio and Mulmur	S. Hutcheson	20 00
Lanark	J. Wilson	14 00
Russeltown	W. Masson	26 50
Beckwith	W. Ross	16 00
London	D. Camelon	20 00
Lochiel, $10 / Dalhousie Mills, $6	Rev. A. McKay	16 00
		$1881 70

Congregations that have not sent in collections for 1872.

Point Levi	D. Anderson
Melbourne	J. McCaul
Plantaganet	T. Scott
Richmond	Vacant
Ormstown	W. C. Clarke
St. Matthew's, Montreal	Vacant
Dundee	D. Ross
St. Mark's, Montreal	W. M. Black
Huntingdon	S McMorine
Martintown	J. S. Burnet
Nottawasaga	A. McDonald
Georgina	D. P. Niven
Dundas	J. Herald
Peterboro'	K. McLennan
Osprey	Vacant
Cote St. George	D. McAulay
Ramsay	J. Gordon
Middleville & Dalhousie	Vacant
Richmond & Shower's Corners	Vacant
Chelsea	J. Fraser
Litchfield	Vacant
Stirling	A. Buchan
Wolfe Island	Vacant
Orangeville	W. E. McKay
Thorah	D. Watson
Eldon	N. McDougall
Lindsay	J. A. Murray
Cobourg	Vacant
Arthur	Vacant
Lombardy & Oliver's Ferry	Vacant
North East Hope	W. Bell
Westminster	J. McEwen
Wawanosh	Vacant
Glencoe	Vacant
East Oxford	Vacant
Stratford	Vacant
Bayfield and Varna	H. Gibson
Mount Forest	Vacant
Woodstock & Norwich	Vacant
Kincardine	Vacant
Southwold	Vacant
South Gower	W. Cleland
Kippen	J. S. Eakin
St. Louis de Gonzagne	Vacant

Matilda	G. Porteous
Finch	H. Lamont, D.D.
Kitley	Vacant
Spencerville	E. Mullan
Roslin & Thurlow	J. M. Gray
Pittsburgh	P. S. Livingston

REVENUE.

Interest from Endowment Fund	$3318 61
Interest account, J. L. Morris, Esq	240 00
" " Archibald Ferguson	530 00
Sum collected by J. L. Morris, Esq	80 00
" " " Archibald Ferguson	98 00
From Temporalities' and Sustentation Fund	1572 00
Donation, Mrs. Machar	20 00
Received from Congregations	2082 45
	$7941 06

Annuities to Widows.

	July.	Jan.
Mrs. McMurchy	$ 146 25	$ 87 00
" McEwen	60 00	48 00
" Ross	60 00	48 00
" Thom	68 75	55 00
" Lambie	50 00	40 00
" Anderson	50 00	40 00
" Campbell	78 75	63 00
" McLean	98 75	79 00
" Mair	62 50	50 00
" Campbell	118 75	95 00
" Hunter	60 00	48 00
" McDonnell	87 50	70 00
" McClatchey	67 50	54 00
" Dickie	50 00	40 00
" Anderson	72 50	58 00
" Brown	43 75	35 00
" Darrach	96 25	77 00
" Gregor	68 75	55 00
Heirs Dr. Mathieson	150 00	120 00
Mrs. Bell	62 50	50 00
" Machar	143 75	115 00
" Skinner	81 25	65 00
Miss Mair	40 00	40 00
Mrs. Haig	50 00	40 00
" McLaurin	40 00	40 00
" Bryning	50 00	40 00
" McLaurin	91 25	73 00
" Smith	62 50	50 00
" Moody	80 00	64 00
" Milligan	91 25	73 00
" Wallace	98 75	79 00
" Barr	67 50	54 00
" George	108 75	87 00
" Urquhart	100 00	80 00
" Roach	81 25	65 00
" Thompson	81 25	65 00
	$2820 00	$2242 00

APPENDIX F.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee beg leave to submit their report, together with their annual statement, for the past Synodical year.

They have received within that period $665 35 from the contributions of congregations, and from the sale of printed matter, the property of the Synod.

The very large amount of $901 is still due to the Fund.

The sum of $100 has been paid to the Rev. Dr. Bell, in recognition of his valuable services in preparing the Polity of the Church, as sanctioned by the Synod last year. The Committee hope to be soon in a position to add somewhat to the above amount through the receipt of a portion of the large amount still due to the Fund under their management. Nevertheless they feel that the recognition of Dr. Bell's services in this way, is, under the circumstances, a very inadequate expression of the sense which all the members of the Synod entertain of the great claim which Dr. Bell has established upon their gratitude.

The Committee feel constrained te remonstrate anew against the dilatoriness shown by many Kirk-Sessions as to the time of making their remittances, and against the utter failure of so many others to remit at all, in accordance with the scale of assessment imposed by authority of the Synod. The great inconvenience occasioned by this circumstance in preventing the Committee from discharging promptly the claims which are presented against the Synod for services rendered, as they arise, and the hardship of allowing some of the members of the Court, who serve it in a representative capacity, on occasions of public importance to render such service at their own individual cost, warrant them in invoking the earnest assistance of the Synod in overcoming these difficulties. It is respectfully asked that the Synod enjoin Presbyteries to make careful and frequent inquiry into the manner in which the obligations of Kirk-Sessions to this Fund are being discharged:—to place the result of such inquiry on their Records, and to give, generally their cordial aid and co-operation to the Committee in their endeavours to secure a revenue adequate to meet the growing expenditure incurred in conducting the business of the annual meeting of Synod.

It is recommended that the congregations of Dummer and Balsover be added to the list of those assessed at the annual rate of $4.00; and the scale of assessment adopted last year continue in force, as regards the other congregations of the Church.

All which is respectfully submitted, in name and on behalf of the Committee by

K. MACLENNAN,
Convener.

Kingston, June 4th, 1872.

SYNOD FUND.

Contributions received from June 1st, 1871, to June 1st, 1872.		*List of arrears due up to June 1st, 1872.*	
	PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.		
$36	'68, '69, '70	Quebec	'71 $15
4	'71	Valcartier	
		Point Levi	'67, '71 20
4	'71	Melbourne	
5	'66, ½ '67	Three Rivers	
8	'70, '71	Sherbrooke	
$57			$35
	PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.		
$ 6	'71	Georgetown	
12	'70, '71	Lachine	
8	'69, '70	Beechridge	'71 $ 4
5	'70	Beauharnois	'71 5
4	'71	Hemmingford	
		Russeltown Flats	'70, '71 8
8	'71	Ormstown	
8	part '71	Montreal, St. Paul's	
		Montreal, St. Matthew's	½ '65–71 26
10	'71	Montreal, St. Gabriel's,	
		Dundee	'71 5
		Elgin and Athelstane	'70, '71 10
20	'71	Montreal, St. Andrew's	
2	part of '70	Montreal, St. Mark's	
		Huntingdon	'71 6
		Laprairie	'68–70 20
4	'71	Chatham	
$87			$84
	PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.		
$ 6	'71	Lancaster	
6	'71	Williamstown	
		Williamsburgh	½ '66–71 $22
4	½ '67, ½ '68	Lochiel	½ '68–71 22
10	½ '66, '67, '68	Dalhousie	'69–71 12
6	'70	Martintown	'71 6
		Osnabruck	'71 5
10	'71	Cornwall	
12	'68, '69, '70	Matilda	'71 4
6	'69, ½ '70	Finch	½ '70–71 6
4	'67	Cote St. George	'68,–'71 16
$64			$93

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

$ 4		'71	Pakenham	
8	part '71		Perth	part '71	$ 2
5		'71	Smith's Falls	
4		'71	Lanark	
5		'71	Beckwith	
8		'71	Brockville	
6		'71	Ramsay	
			Kitley	'66–71	24
5	'70, ½ '71		Middleville and Dalhousie	½ '71	3
4	part '71		McNab and Horton	part '71	1
			Lombardy & Oliver's Ferry	'70, '71	8
$49					$38

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

$ 4		'71	Huntley	
			Oxford	½ '70, '71	$ 6
			Ross and Westmeath	'71	4
4		'69	Plantaganet	'70, '71	8
4		'68	Richmond	'69, '70, '71	12
15		'71	Ottawa	
			Buckingham & Cumberland	'70, '71	8
4		'70	L'Orignal and Hawkesbury	'71	4
			Mountain and South Gower	'71	4
4		'71	Chelsea	
5		'71	Arnprior	
4		'71	Spencerville	
			Litchfield	'68–71	16
			Douglas	'67–71	20
$44					$82

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

			Seymour	'70, '71	$12
$12		'68, '69, '70	Stirling	'71	4
8		'71	Belleville	
			Roslin and Thurlow	'66, '71	24
12		'71	Kingston	
			Wolfe Island	'69, '71	12
4		'71	Pittsburgh	
$36					$52

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

			King	'71	$ 4
$ 4		'70	Newmarket	'71	4
16		'68, '69	Scarboro'	'70, '71	16
5		'69	W. Gwillimbury and Innisfil	
			Orangeville	'70, '71	8
5		'71	W. King	
			Pickering	'71	5
8		'71	Vaughan	
5		'71	Nottawasaga	

8	5-6 '69, ½ '70		Darlington	½ '70, '71	8
4		'70	Erin	'71	4
4		'71	Purple Hill & E. Nottawasaga	
4		'71	Georgina	
6		'71	Markham	
15		'71	Toronto	
			Mulmur	'71	4
5		'70	Scott and Uxbridge	'71	5
4	½ '64		Caledon and Mono	½ '64, '71	30
6		'71	Whitby	
			Osprey	½ '69, '71	10
$99					$98

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

$ 6		'71	Thorah	
12		'70, '71	Eldon	
6		'71	Brock	
20		'68, '71	Port Hope	
8		'69, '70	Clarke	'71	$4
20		'68,' 69, '70, '71	Lindsay	
8		'71	Peterborough	
			Balsover	½ '71	2
2	½	'71	Dummer	
$82					$6

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

$ 5		'71	Clifton	
			Hamilton	'69, '71	$30
5		'70	Simcoe	'71	5
			Dundas	'63, '71	53
5	5-6 '70		Niagara	1-6 '70, '71	6
8		'69	Guelph	'71	10
2	½ '68		Hornby	½ '68, '71	14
15	'66, ½ '68		Nelson & Waterdown	½ '68, '71	21
6	½ '71		Galt	½ '71	2
4		'70	Woolwich	'71	4
8		'70	Fergus	'71	8
			Arthur	'68, '71	16
$58					$169

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

			North Easthope	'69, '71	$12
$ 8		'69, '70	Westminster	'71	4
5		'71	Chatham	
			Wawanosh	'70, '71	8
4		'70	Bayfield	'71	4
24	½ '64–'71		N. Dorchester	
			Glencoe	'70, '71	8
5	part '71		London	part '71	1
6		'67	Goderich	'68 '71	24
9		'70, '71	Kippen	
			E. Oxford	'71	4
8		'65, '66	E. Williams	'67, '71	20
			Stratford	½ '68, '71	20
			Southwold	'66, '71	24
$69					$129

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.

.....	Paisley and Elderslie	'66, '71....	$24
....	Owen Sound and Derby...	'67, '71...	30
$ 4..... ...	'70.... Priceville.....	'71....	4
12.....	'69, '70, '71.... Leith and Johnson.....	.....	...
....	Mount Forest.....	'63, '71....	36
.....	Kincardine.....	'66, '71...	24
$16			$118

Received from Congregations...	$661 00
Printed Minutes sold....	4 35
Total amount received.....	$665 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid balance due to Treasurer.....	$ 11 82
" Synod Clerk's salary for 1871.....	200 00
" " " Postage, &c.....	26 20
" allowance to Convener for 1871.....	40 00
" Rev. Dr. Bell (in part) for services in preparing the "Polity" of the Church.....	100 00
" Church Officer for attendance.....	12 00
" Stationery, Postage, &c., by Convener.....	7 50
" Expenses incurred by Convener on Statistics.....	13 37½
" Messrs. Meehem & Doust engrossing addresses.....	18 00
" Adam, Stevenson & Co. for Stationery and Printing.....	10 83
" Montreal "Gazette" Printing Company for Printing done in 1867 and 1868.....	17 28
" Proprietor of Peterborough "Review" printing Circulars.	2 75
" Messrs. Thomas McAulay & Co. for binding Minutes for Clerks.....	5 00
" William Bailie for printing Minutes of Synod, &c.....	202 37
	$667 13

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Amount received during 1871.....	665 35
" disbursed " "	667 13
Balance due the Treasurer.....	$ 1 78

SUPPLEMENTAL.

The following contributions have been received since the above statement was drawn up, viz.:

Chatham (Q).....	$ 4 00	Point Levi.....	$ 8 00
St. Mark's, Montreal..	5 00	Martintown.....	6 00
Smith's Falls.....	5 00	N. Georgetown.....	6 00
London.....	6 00	Scarboro'.....	16 00
Guelph.....	8 00	Elgin & Athelstane..	5 00
Cote St. George.....	4 00	Simcoe.....	5 00
Galt.....	8 00	Erin.....	4 00
Perth.....	12 00	Newmarket.....	4 00
Lachine.....	6 00	Spencerville.....	4 00
Cornwall.....	10 00	Russeltown.....	4 00
Seymour.....	12 00	Melbourne.....	4 00
Stirling.....	4 00	McNab & Horton....	3 00
Middleville.....	5 00	Three Rivers.....	5 00
Lanark.....	5 00	Caledon & Mono	20 00
Pickering	5 00	Markham.....	6 00
Pakenham	4 00	Osnabruck.....	5 00
Williamstown.....	6 00	Oxford.....	4 00
N. Williamsburgh...	22 00		

Kingston, June 10th, 1872.

APPENDIX G.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY SCHEME.

The Committee on the Scholarship and Bursary Scheme beg leave to submit the following Report:—

It appears from the annexed statement by the Treasurer, that the amount of contributions to the Fund, up to the close of the financial year on the 30th April, 1872, was $508 received from 33 congregations, while last year the number of congregations contributing was 26, and the amount received only $252.39. Your Committee are happy to bring under the notice of the Synod this marked improvement in the state of affairs of the Scheme, and, in particular, in the general liberality of the several contributions, for while the increase in the number of congregations who have made the collection appointed by the Synod is only 7, the receipts have been doubled. It is not, therefore, from a want of liberality on the part of individual congregations contributing, that your Committee have further to report, that the expenditure during the past year has exceeded the revenue by $100.83, but from two causes, the one as gratifying as the other is the reverse. In the 1st place, the number of students for the ministry is greater than it has been for the last five years, and consequently the number of those for whose benefit the Fund is administered, and, in the 2nd place, scarcely a fourth of the congregations of the Synod have remitted any sum however small for the furtherance of the objects of the Scheme. At the date of the previous Report, as has been just stated, the income was only $252.39, and the excess of expenditure was $164.11. A special appeal was there-

fore made at the last Synod in anticipation of increased demands on the Fund in 1871–72. If that appeal had not been so far responded to, the deficit for this year would have been $400 instead of $100. As it is, however, the necessary expenditure for the past two years has exceeded the revenue by $264.94, and had it not been that your Committee some time ago, during the few years of difficulty in which the College was recently placed, and when the number of students for the ministry was comparatively small, foreseen the growing demands upon the Fund which would ere long arise, and kept in reserve for future emergencies the small balances which it had not been necessary during these years to appropriate, the operations of the Scheme would have now been seriously crippled, and its objects in a great measure frustrated.

Next year we have reason to believe, that there will be a still further increase in the number of Church Students, and your Committee earnestly trust, that there will be a corresponding increase in the number and amount of the collections from congregations, and that congregations, ministers and individual members of our Church, will unite in making it a special object, in their endeavours to promote its welfare, to seek out and encourage by every means in their power, pious and deserving young men, to prosecute their studies with a view to the work of the Holy Ministry.

The members of Synod are already well acquainted with the urgent reasons for more extended and liberal aid to the Scholarship and Bursary Fund. They trust, therefore, that the Synod will again recommend the important Scheme which has been committed to their care to the sympathy and support of the Church, and will renew its recommendation, that on the day appointed for the collection, prayer be offered up in all its congregations, and the attention of their members be directed to the claims of the Gospel Ministry upon young men of piety and talent.

All which is respectfully submitted in name and on behalf of the Committee by

JAMES WILLIAMSON,
Convener.

Kingston, 5th June, 1872.

SYNOD SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY FUND IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

Receipts.

1871.				
June	7	Dalhousie Mills	per Rev. A. McKay	$ 2 00
July	7	Galt	" " J. B. Muir	5 00
"	16	Portsmouth	" James Fisher, Esq.	40 00
Oct.	9	Tossorontio	" James Croil, Esq	6 75
"	27	St. Paul's, Montreal	" Rev. John Jenkins, D.D.	60 00
Nov.	6	Guelph	" Wm. Allan, Esq	21 25
"	"	Fergus	" D. Fordyce, Esq	10 00
"	21	Perth	" Rev. Wm. Bain, D.D.	23 00
"	24	Pakenham	" " Alex. Mann	4 00
"	25	West Gwillimbury	" M. Fain, Esq	8 32
"	"	Hemmingford	" Rev. James Patterson	6 00
Dec.	11	Galt	" " J. B. Muir	36 00
"	"	W. Nottawasaga & Purple	" " D. McDonald	7 75
"	22	Williamstown [Hill	" Wm. Campbell, Esq	6 25
"	23	North Dorchester	" Rev. James Gordon	4 00
"	29	Lanark	" " James Wilson	5 00
1872.				
Jan.	2	Ottawa	per Wm. Hamilton, Esq	$55 60
"	21	Belleville	" Rev. James C. Smith	12 00
"	22	Almonte	" " J. Gordon	10 00
"	25	Toronto	" William Mitchell, Esq	16 00
"	30	Pittsburgh	" Rev. P. S. Livingston	4 00
Feb.	15	Chatham, Ontario	" " J. Rannie	10 00
"	"	Clifton	" " Dr. George Bell	6 00
Mar.	3	St. Gabriel's Ch., Montreal	" " R. Campbell	25 00
"	6	Hawkesbury & L'Orignal	" " Wm. McLennan	6 00
"	11	Beauharnois	" " F. P. Sym	5 00
"	"	Nottawasaga, Collingwo'd	" " Alex. McDonald	5 00
"	"	Osnabruck	" M. A. Ault, Esq	4 00
"	16	Peterboro'	" Rev. K. McLennan	7 50
"	"	Cornwall	" C. Mattice, Esq	10 00
"	23	King	" Rev. J. Tawse	3 00
April	30	Kingston, St. Andrew's	" John Duff, Esq	35 00
"	"	Montreal, St. Andrew's	" James Burns, Esq	50 00
				$508 77
			Balance due Treasurer	101 13
				$609 90

Expenditure.

1871.			
Oct.	20	St. Paul's Scholarships & ½ Synod Scholarship No. 1.	$160 00
"	29	Bursary to J. P	40 00
Dec.	6	" " C. McK	40 00
1872.			
Jan.	22	Bursary (Portsmouth) to J. G	40 00
Mar.	29	Balance of Synod Scholarships	310 00
April	20	Additional to C. McK	15 00
"	30	Printing, Postage and Stationery	4 90
			$609 90

APPENDIX H.

REPORT ON FRENCH MISSION.

Your Committee began their operations in June last with a heavy burden of arrears to meet, as well as the current expenditure to provide for. A sum of $964 06 was resting owing, chiefly to your Missionaries for services already rendered but not remunerated. It was felt that, to use the language of the Report given in at the last Synod, "this indebtedness should be at once discharged." As will be seen from the accounts of the Treasurer, these obligations were made a first

charge on the funds of the Mission, and, in order to satisfy them without any delay, your Committee borrowed $500 from the Ladies Auxiliary Association, of Montreal, which had been, by them, raised to form the nucleus of a fund to build a school in connection with the Mission, and to repair the Manse. An appeal was then addressed, with a full statement of the financial position of the Committee, to every congregation within the bounds of the Synod. To pay the debt and carry on the work of the Mission, upwards of $2,000 were asked. The result of the Committee's appeal, while it has brought a larger amount from congregational collections than has ever before been received, has not been altogether satisfactory. From fully 60 charges no response has come, which simply means that only half the number of our congregations have been permitted to realize the privilege of contributing to the French Mission. At the close of the year, your Committee finds itself $606 39 in arrear, including the sum of $500 owing to the Ladies' Association.

As to the work of the Mission, your Committee refer to the excellent Report of the Rev. C. A. Doudiet, now submitted. The field occupied by the Rev. Charles A. Tanner, at Sherbrooke, is, though deeply interesting, comparatively limited. But, as the Convener can testify from personal observation, during a visit paid by him in summer, there is a spirit of enquiry and hearty appreciation of Mr. Tanner's labours among those to whom he ministers. On the whole, the Committee has reason to acknowledge with gratitude to Almighty God, that its Missionaries have been largely blessed in their separate spheres, and, through their instrumentality, the good of many souls advanced.

The prospects of French Mission work in Montreal have occupied, during the past year, the anxious attention of the Committee. It is evident that that work would be more efficiently done than it is at present, were the different efforts of different organizations combined. How that object is to be fully obtained, your committee do not pretend to say; but there seems at least no good reason why the Synod's French Mission and that carried on under the direction of the French Canadian Missionary Society, should not be joined. And, it so happens that, through a kind of mutual drawing, the way has been opened for negotiations in that direction. Informal interviews have taken place between the Secretary-Treasurer of the French Canadian Missionary Society and the Convener of your Committee, at which the subject, in all its bearings, has been discussed, and explanations on both sides given. The communications made at these interviews were laid before your Committee, and the constitution of the rival mission having been carefully examined, it was agreed to ask the Synod to take the whole matter into its earnest and immediate consideration, and in view of the great desirableness of union in this work, to indicate whether and how far it is practicable to consummate such a union. For the guidance of all concerned, your Committee append a copy of the Constitution of the French Canadian Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY. FORMED 8TH APRIL, 1839.

I. This Society shall be called "*The French Canadian Missionary Society*;" and its exclusive object shall be, to provide means for preaching and otherwise disseminating the Gospel of Christ among the inhabitants of Canada using the French language.

II. The operations of this Society shall embrace—the employment of ministers, teachers, book-venders, and scripture-readers, (whose native language is French if possible),—the establishment and support of schools, and places of worship,—and the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, and such publications as may be requisite in accomplishing the objects of the Society.

III. No person shall be admitted or continued a Minister, Teacher, Agent, Trustee, or office-bearer under any name, in connexion with this Society, whose religious sentiments are not decidedly in accordance with the great evangelical doctrines of the Protestant Faith; namely, —the fallen and totally depraved condition of human nature; the supreme divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ; the sacrificial character and design of the Saviour's death; the deity, personality, and saving influence of the Holy Spirit; justification by faith alone, through the atoning merits and all prevalent intercession of the Son of God; the necessity of holiness of heart and life as produced and maintained by the indwelling Spirit of God, and the endless duration of future rewards and punishments.

The above summary of doctrine shall equally apply to all Books and Tracts distributed by the agents of this Society.

IV. This Society shall maintain an entire absence of a sectarian spirit in the choice of its agents, the application of its funds, and the management of its concerns. In the selection of its Agents, there shall alone be consulted their religious and intellectual fitness for promoting the grand object in view, namely the bringing of souls into the kingdom of God, and building them on the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.

V. The instructions to be given to missionaries and other agents of this Society shall be:—First, that in all their intercourse with the French Canadians they abstain as much as possible from controversy on the errors of the Romish church, and that they seek to promote their religious instruction and salvation, by plainly and affectionately preaching and enforcing the great doctrines of evangelical religion as stated above: as it is believed, that, in this case, the declaration of "the truth as it is in Jesus," will prove the best means of refuting error.—Secondly, that, as it appears important to the success of this Christian enterprise, to secure, as much as possible, unanimity and uniformity in its proceedings and operations, it also be required of all the agents of the Society, to abstain from urging their own peculiar denominational views as to doctrine or church government; and to require *only* as conditions of church membership a profession of the Protestant Faith as held by this Society, (and set forth in Art. 3d. of this Constitution,) accompanied by suitable and satisfactory evidence of true piety in the candidate.

VI. That the real property which the Society may purchase or otherwise acquire in furtherance of its objects shall be held by Trustees appointed in the first instance by the Committee of this Society, and subsequently elected every year at the Annual meeting of the Society, called agreeably to Article IX of the Constitution, and in the event of any delay in the annual election, the former Trustees shall hold office until others be appointed. The number of Trustees shall not be more than nine nor fewer than five, the quorum consisting of five, and three respectively, and should any vacancy occur it shall be supplied by the Committee.

VII. This Society shall have a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and a Secretary or Secretaries.

VIII. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of not less than twelve persons, to be chosen annually from

among the members of the Society: five to constitute a quorum. The President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretaries, shall be members ex-officio of this Committee.

IX. This Society shall hold a general meeting annually on the first Wednesday of February, or on such day near to this, as the Committee shall appoint. This meeting shall be held in the city of Montreal, and due notice of the same shall be given in at least two of the Montreal Newspapers one week previously. The vote of the majority of the members present at such meeting shall give validity to all the acts passed at the same. At this meeting the Committee shall present a Report of proceedings during the year elapsed, and the Treasurer shall give in his accounts for the same period. All the office-bearers of the Society shall be elected at this annual meeting, the former officers acting until the others are appointed. A special general meeting of the Society may be called by the Committee whenever it is considered necessary, due notification of which shall be given by public advertisement as above.

X. A subscription of one pound annually shall constitute membership in this Society, with the power of voting at its general meetings; and a donation of Twenty-five Pounds shall entitle the individual to be a member during life. Contributions, however, of the smallest amount will be thankfully received and acknowledged.

XI. No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, except at a general meeting of the Society, called by public advertisement, as prescribed above, in Article 9th; the proposed change or changes having previously been laid before a meeting of the Committee, and approved of by at least three-fourths of the members present.

It only remains for your Committee to express their sense of the kindness shown by many of the ministers and sessions of the Church, who, in addition to collections sent in, have made special appeals in behalf of the French Mission. This seasonable aid is all the more gratifying, in view of the very large number of those who have disregarded the strong injunction of the last Synod. It is gratifying to be able to state that, notwithstanding such denial of help, the congregational collections, which amounted in 1870–'71, to $895 57, were in 1871–72, $1,569 50, showing an increase of $673 93—an increase which, however, is greatly diminished by a decrease of $295 63 in donations and Sunday School offerings.

GAVIN LANG,
Convener.

REPORT OF FRENCH MISSION CHURCH FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR 1871-72.

I have much pleasure in transmitting to the Synod of our Church the following Report of our missionary operations among the French in Montreal, during the past year; although the work is carried on under many disadvantages, it has, through God's blessing, been rewarded with no inconsiderable success.

There have been during the year eleven additions to the Roll of Communicants, five of these having been Roman Catholics. A number of new adherents have attended the diets of worship regularly. Against this increase, we have lost, two who returned to the Roman Catholic

Church, one by death, five by removal to other parts of the country, and four who joined another Protestant Church. Of these twelve five were communicants.

The average attendance has been small through the winter, owing probably to the imperfection of the heating arrangements. Since the return of warm weather it has more than doubled; some days we have had over fifty persons. I think I am below the truth in stating the present average attendance at forty. The Sabbath School has seventeen children on the roll, with an average attendance of twelve. Had we the means to keep up a good day school in connection with the Church, this number might be greatly increased.

I have, as far as practicable, held regular French services every Sabbath morning, and also a week day prayer meeting, which was discontinued through the winter, but resumed this spring. On Sabbath evenings I have held an English missionary meeting, which, although not large, has, under God's blessing, accomplished some good.

I have made many visits during the year, both to members and adherents of the congregation, and to Roman Catholic families to which I had access.

I have officiated during the year at five marriages, six baptisms and five funerals, one of these last being that of Mr. Louis Hoerner, a member of our session and for many years a warm friend of the French Mission Church.

The Lord's Supper has been dispensed five times, viz.:

July	2—	To	18	communicants.
Sep.	3—	"	14	"
Nov.	5—	"	14	"
Jan.	7—	"	15	"
Mar.	31—	"	21	"

The contributions of the congregation have been liberal, considering the circumstances of most of the members. Five dollars have been transmitted to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and both instalments of the quota to the Sustentation Fund punctually paid ($20). In addition to this, the congregation has been able to meet all the current expenses of the building (gas and water excepted) and to materially assist some indigent members. The collections for all purposes (ordinary included) have amounted to something over one hundred dollars.

The Session has found it necessary to order another lot of hymn books from Paris (1 doz. copies at 75 cents) the fifty copies previously imported having been all disposed of.

Nothing has occurred during the year to disturb the peace and harmony of the congregation; the only complaint, which has come to my knowledge, being that unavoidable absences took your Missionary away so often.

This leads me to say that in the hope of awakening an interest in the French Mission work, I have both last summer and this winter visited many of the western congregations of our Church, chiefly in the London Presbytery, meeting everywhere a cordial reception from the ministers of the different charges, and notwithstanding some disappointments, diffusing among the people general information of the present condition, and future prospects of the French Mission.

I have alluded in the beginning of this Report, to some disadvantages under which the French Mission work is carried on. The principal one, I believe to be the existence of three separate Missionary efforts in Montreal. If the three small congregations of French Protest-

ants in that City could be united, they might, to a considerable extent, be self-supporting. I have no hopes of inducing our Baptist Bretheren to unite with us, but the Craig Street Church, hitherto supported by the French Canadian Missionary Society, having petitioned the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church to be received as one of their congregations, I have waited on several of the ministers of that body in Montreal, and published a letter in the "British American Presbyterian," urging a union of that Mission Church with ours, if it be possible. The two congregations as far as I know, desire to unite; most of the French Protestants of which they are composed, know nothing of the causes which led to disruptions in Scotland, nor in my humble judgment, is it necessary they should. If, therefore, the French Mission could be made a joint Missionary effort in Montreal, equally supported by our Church and the Canada Presbyterians, not only would the Committees of both congregations be relieved of financial embarrassments, but the moral effect on Roman Catholics would be most beneficial. I have little doubt that the difficulties in the way of such a union could easily be removed, if the advancement of the cause of Christ among our Roman Catholic countrymen is made the highest motive of our efforts.

Another difficulty in the way of progress, is the want of a good school for the children of the converts. There is no alternative now for them, except going to Roman Catholic schools if they are to go to school at all, and I know of several children attending such schools who would come to ours, had we such a thing.

I would also respectfully suggest that our Mission Church should be made as attractive as possible, remembering that to them who have been accustomed to the splendid ecclesiastical edifices and imposing services of the Roman Catholic Church, the neglected and bare appearance of our Mission Churches must have a repelling influence. I need not remind you that the great Gavazzi lately expressed the very same idea. Year after year your Missionary has urged the employment of a Colporteur to pave the way for the Minister; it is to be regretted that the inadequate support of this important Scheme has hitherto made this an impossibility.

In conclusion I would tender to all the good friends of the Mission my grateful acknowledgments for their efforts in its behalf, and trust that they will not lose their reward.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES A. DOUDIET.

Montreal, May, 1872.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

Bal. in hand May 31, 1871 .. $ 6 65

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

Valcartier	$ 4 00
Sherbrooke	20 00
	$24 00

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

Georgetown	$18 00
Cushing	8 00
Hemmingford, $5, $5	10 00
Elgin & Athelstane	12 00
St. Andrew's, Montreal	250 00
St. Gabriel's, "	78 08
St. Paul's, "	117 18
St. Mark's, "	40 00
St. Louis de Gonzague	2 35
Huntingdon	17 00
Russeltown	21 00
Beauharnois	9 00
	$603 61

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.

Williamstown	$ 6 50
Cornwall	14 00
Lancaster	6 00
Martintown	20 00
Lochiel	28 20
Dalhousie Mills	14 30
Cote St. George	4 00
Osnabruck, 1871, 1872	8 00
North Williamsburgh	7 50
	$108 50

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

Perth $25, 9.05, 10, 21, 11, 52	117 16
Pakenham	6 00
Brockville	36 31
Lanark	10 00
Smith's Falls	15 00
Almonte	15 00
	$199 47

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

Arnprior	$15 00
North Plantagenet	2 00
Ross	4 00
Westmeath	$11 25
Chelsea	9 66
Ottawa City	38 50
L'Orignal & Hawkesbury	12 00
Richmond	10 00
Huntly	4 00
	$106 41

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

Stirling	$ 7 00
Seymour, $20, $20	40 00
Belleville, 1871, 1872	20 00
Kingston	55 00
	$122 00

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Scarboro'	$28 40
Purple Hill & E. Not'wasaga	6 78
West King	10 00
Nottawasaga	6 00
King	4 00
Hillsburgh	7 38
Darlington	3 50
Mulmur $4 00, Tossorontio 10 00	14 00
Caledon & Mono	9 50
Newmarket	10 00
Vaughan	10 00
Toronto (including a special subscription of $50 from a few members	70 00
Fergus	20 00
Markham	25 00
	$224 56

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

Brock	$ 5 00
Lindsay	5 00
Peterboro'	20 25
	$30 25

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Woolwich	$ 5 00
Galt, including $7.25 collected by Miss Powers	34 45
Guelph	19 58
Nelson & Waterdown	11 00
Hornby	3 00
Hamilton	14 50
	$87 53

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.

Priceville	$ 9 00
Owen Sound	10 00
Leith	25 00
	$44 00

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

London	$12 00
Chatham	6 00
North Dorchester	5 00
North Easthope	4 00
East Williams	9 00
	$36 00

COLLECTED BY THE REV. C. A. DOUDIET IN THE PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Stratford, $8, $9.80	$17 80
Kippen	$ 7 90
Williams	9 17
Dorchester	8 00
London	6 43
Westminster	6 29
Chatham	24 00
Glencoe	8 68
Dunwich	4 00
East Oxford	6 25

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Galt	$ 7 00

COLLECTED BY REV. MR. DOUDIET IN PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Fergus	$27 00
	$132 52
Less travelling expenses	52 27
	$80 25
Total amount of congregational collections	$1569 50

Donations.

Ladies' French Missionary Association of Montreal	$ 50 43
Mrs. Kelly, Nottawasaga	2 00
St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Hamilton	10 00
An old friend in Ramsay	20 00
Sabbath School, Fergus	5 00
	$87 43
Borrowed from the Ladies' Committee French Mission in Montreal	$500 00
Balance due Treasurer	13 86
	$2274 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. C. A. Doudiet, arrears to May 31, 1871	$ 295 06
" C. A. Tanner, arrears to May 31, 1871	268 00
" C. A. Doudiet, in full of stipend	1000 00
" C. A. Tanner, in full, of stipend to date	200 00
" Mr. Barridon, supply in Mr. Doudiet's absence	24 00
Gas account for the year	12 02
John Parslon, interest on Mortgage $925	55 50
Mitchell & Wilson, for Printing	2 00
Paid for Stoves for Church	21 50
City assessments	11 10
Insurance $7. $16.50	23 50
M. W. & O. Fund, interest on Mortgage to August 3rd, 1871	246 62
Repairs to Manse, November, 1870	16 60
E. Grafton, postage on circulars $15.12. Other postage and stationery $3	18 12
W. Bailie, Kingston, printing Appendix to Synod Minutes	$ 6 75
James Starke & Co., for printing circulars	33 75
Travelling expenses and board at Sherbrooke of Lacroix (Rev. Mr. Tanner)	7 00
Travelling expenses Rev. C. A. Doudiet, at Perth	8 00
	$2274 52

E. & O. E., Montreal, May 31, 1872.

A. MACPHERSON,
Treasurer.

MEMORANDUM OF LIABILITIES.

M. W. & O. Fund Mortgage	$1222 12	
John Parslom Mortgage	925 00	
		$2147 12
Ladies' Committee French Mission	500 00	
Interest on do. to 31st May, 1872	23 78	
Interest on M. W. & O. Fund Mortgage	68 75	
Due Treasurer	13 86	
		696 39
		$2753 51

APPENDIX I.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND MANITOBA MISSION.

The Committee on the British Columbia aud Manitoba Mission have satisfaction in reporting that the contributions to this Scheme have somewhat increased, though the number of contributing congregations is very small. The amount received during the past Synodical year is $712.22, contributed by *twenty-four* congregations, including a special contribution of $295 made at the time of the last meeting of Synod by a few members of the Church in Toronto and by members of Synod.

The Treasurer has forwarded to the Colonial Committee £125 18s. 9d. Stg. for the Church of Scotland's British Columbia Mission, viz: £100 for the year ending in April last, and the balance to make up the deficiency which was reported last year.

No contributions to the Church of Scotland's Mission to the Aborigines of India have been received during the past Synodical year.

In accordance with the instructions given by the Synod at its last meeting, your Committee have taken steps to secure the services of a Missionary to labour in some part of the Province of Manitoba, and they expect to be in a position, before the Synod rises, to report that Mr. Thomas Hart, M.A., has accepted an appointment.* It is proposed that Mr. Hart should take part along with Professor Bryce in the work of the "Manitoba Presbyterian College," which has been established by the Canada Presbyterian Church, and that he should likewise engage in ministerial labour at such places as he may deem suitable.

If your Committee were in a position to engage a second Missionary, there is an excellent opening at Pembina for a man capable of preaching both French and English. There are probably two hundred Protestants in Canadian and American Pembina who have no Protestant

* See Minutes, page 67.

service, and there is a promise that $200 will be raised at once from local sources for the support of a Protestant Minister.

Xour Committee venture to express the hope that such an interest will be awakened throughout the Church in the important work to be done in Manitoba, that the non-contributing congregations, instead of being the large majority, will dwindle down into a very insignificant minority.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. J. MACDONNELL,
Convener.

Kingston, June 10th, 1872.

G. H. WILSON, TREASURER BRITISH COLUMBIA AND MANITOBA MISSION FUND.

DR.

To balance per last statement, June, 1871	$195 33
Synod's Missionary Meeting, Toronto	52 67
A few members of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, and members of Synod	295 00
L'Orignal and Hawkesbury	5 00
Georgina	6 50
Williamstown	8 00
Richmond	4 00
Galt	5 00
Chelsea	10 70
Perth	16 40
Montreal, St. Paul's	50 00
Cornwall	14 00
Fergus	10 50
Beckwith	5 00
Montreal, St. Andrew's	50 00
Belleville	15 00
Chatham	10 00
Peterboro'	10 00
Perth	11 00
Toronto	60 00
Markham & Stouffville	12 00
Anonymous, "a tenth of increase," per Rev. R. Campbell, Montreal	5 00
St. Gabriel S. S., Montreal	10 00
Williamstown	7 00
E. Nottawasaga and Purple Hill	5 45
West King	9 00
Priceville	4 00
Kingston	21 00
Lochiel	3 00
	$910 55

CR.

By remitted Bill of Exchange to the Colonial Committee £125 18s. 9d. Stg., February 8	$614 50
Balance on hand	296 05
	$910 55

G. H. WILSON,
Treasurer.

Toronto, June, 1872.

APPENDIX J.

REPORT OF THE INDIAN ORPHANAGE AND JUVENILE MISSION SCHEME, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1872.

The Committee have much pleasure in reporting a decided increase, both in the interest taken in this Scheme, and in the contributions to its support, during the past year. The amount of the receipts for the year has been $875 75, which, taking into consideration the fact that the New Brunswick remittances are now with one exception sent separately, makes the contribution from Canada considerably greater than it has been of late years, and very nearly if not fully equal to the maximum it has ever attained. There are at present thirty-nine orphans on the list, thus divided among the various orphanages—

Madras	20
Calcutta	6
Sealkote	7
Poona	5
	38

Of these several are new appropriations, one having been just allotted to a Sunday School in Victoria, British Columbia, making the second supported in that distant Colony. Of these, four are altogether, and one in part supported by private individuals, of whom one, Miss Jane McLeod, died suddenly during the past winter. The orphan she has for several years supported is now, however, maintained by her sister, who has thus taken up her labour of love. All the Sunday Schools supporting orphans have sent in their remittances for the past year, with only one exception, and several have added a contribution for the Canadian School, or the general purposes of the Mission. In addition to these, seven Schools not supporting orphans have sent contributions for the two latter objects, so that forty-four schools are now taking an active interest in the Scheme Several of those supporting orphans have sent presents to their *protegees*, and in some cases, interesting letters have been exchanged. It would be well if this practice were more generally followed, as it tends very much to strengthen the tie between the orphans and their supporters, and to quicken the interest of the children. A number of photograhs, also, have been forwarded, which have given great satisfaction to the schools. Mrs. Clarke, of Madras, has written one letter to us direct, and promises to write again, and it is hoped we shall, in course of time, receive letters direct from other Orphanages.

The progress of the Mission, as reported to the Home Association, is very encouraging. Several of the schools have sustained very satisfactory examinations,—Lady Napier having been present at the distribution of prizes to the Madras Schools. It is satisfactory to know that the department in which the proficiency of the children was most specially marked, was that of Bible Knowledge. The conduct of the girls at all the Orphanages is reported to have improved, generally, in a very encouraging degree, especially at Madras, where several have been admitted to the table of the Lord during the year, thus giving every reason to hope that they have become partakers of a living faith.

The openings for Zenana Missions, those to the female households of the Hindoos, are multiplying so rapidly that they overtax the present powers of the Mission to make use of them. Very much, it is hoped, may be done in the work of Indian evangelization, by means of this most interesting portion of the Mission, and it is suggested to schools

not at present contributing, that in this department they might find a most important and interesting object to which to appropriate the contributions which might not be sufficient for the support of an orphan. The cost of maintaining a Zenana Teacher is only about £14 14s. Stg. per annum, so that a few schools uniting together might easily employ a teacher of their own, who probably could be selected from among some of our older orphans. Rachel, one of our orphans at Calcutta, has already made herself very useful to her teachers in work of this kind. The Montreal Sabbath School Teachers' Association have already undertaken the support of one Zenana Teacher, and, as has been suggested in the Presbyterian, Associations of ladies might be formed for the purpose of maintaining others.

It is pleasant to note the circumstance of distant British Columbia coming forward to join her contributions with ours, thus uniting the Eastern and Western extremities of the Continent in a labour of love for still more distant India. As regards the work itself, we have every stimulus to sustain and increase our efforts. Every succeeding year demonstrates more fully the importance of seeking to evangelize a country through supplying, as far as possible, the means of Christian female education, and American Missionary enterprise is at present initiating a similar scheme for providing such an education for Japanese women. A writer in the last "News of Female Missions" remarks, that the present is a "critical period in the history of India—since the next ten or fifteen years must determine whether India is to continue an educated but infidel nation, or be united to us in the bonds of a common faith;" and observes further that it is by means of the Female Schools, Zenanas and Orphanages, that we can best hope to "purify the whole moral and social atmosphere of India with divine truth, and faith in our blessed Redeemer."

While, therefore, the Committee desire to thank those Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools, who have already interested themselves in promoting this Scheme, and also the Editor of the *Presbyterian*, for the hearty interest he has manifested in it, they would bespeak for the future, a still deeper, more extended and prayerful interest in this, the Synod's only Foreign Mission. Nor need it be confined to the more juvenile portion of the Church, which has so efficiently led the way. Our own Home Schemes would not be likely to suffer from a quickening of our Missionary zeal in *any* direction. And as British Commercial enterprise has already found its reward in bringing the rich Provinces of India under the sway of our beloved Queen, *we* shall find *our* most strenuous efforts abundantly rewarded, if, under the divine blessing, we may be instrumental, in even a humble degree, in helping to win for the kingdom of Christ, this great nation, just shaking off the fetters of heathenism, and to bring the millions of India to the feet of the Redeemer.

All which is respectfully submitted.

AGNES M. MACHAR,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Kingston, May 31, 1872.

N.B.—The Zenana Mission means the visiting of the Female portion of Hindoo Households by Female Missionary Teachers. Their tuition in secular education is eagerly welcomed, and they always seek to accompany it by religious teaching, and thus to introduce the glad tidings of the gospel into the homes of the better classes. It is intended that our Juvenile Mission should employ a Zenana Teacher, if possible, one of the orphans educated by our Schools, and contributions, however small, from schools not already contributing are respectfully solicited.

INDIAN ORPHANAGE AND JUVENILE MISSION SCHEME.

Treasurer's Statement.

By whom contributed.	Place.	Orphan or School.	Orphanage.	For Orphans.	For School.
St. Andrew's Sab. S.	Montreal..	Phœbe...	Madras....	$21 50	
do.	do.	Prema....	Poona....	20 00	
do.	do.	Emmy Morris.	Madras....	20 00	
do.	Ottawa.....	Ryemonee.	Calcutta...	20 00	
do.	do.	Helen.....	do.	20 00	
do.	Kingston..	Emily	Sealkote ..	20 00	
do.	do.	Minnie....	Calcutta..	20 00	$20 00
do.	Toronto...	Ellen.....	Madras....	22 00	5 00
do.	Perth.....	Jes'e F.Bain	do.	21 00	10 00
do.	Peterboro'.	Emma.....	do.	20 00	
do.	Seymour...	Ruth.....	do.	20 00	
do.	E. Oxford..	Rachel.....	Calcutta...	20 00	
do.	Arnprior ..	Emily Lindsay.	Sealkote...	21 00	
do.	Fergus...	Seguna....	Poona.....	20 00	
do.	Guelph ...	Gainabot'ee	Calcutta...	25 00	
do.	St. John N.B	Pharos....	Sealkote...	20 00	
do.	N. Georgetown.	Can. School			13 00
do.	King.....	do.			2 25
St. Paul's Sab. Sch.	Montreal...	Wilhelmina.	Madras....	20 00	15 00
St. Gabriel's do.	do.	Maggie Campbell	do.	23 00	
St. Matthew's do.	do.	Deya Ram.	Sealkote...	20 00	
St. John's do.	Brockville.	Elizabeth..	do.	20 00	
St. James' do.	Charlotte'n	Bessie	Madras.....	19 75	
Sabbath School.	Lanark.....	Can. School			11 50
do.	Richmond .	do.			13 50
do.	Chatham,O.	Sophia.....	Madras.....	20 00	
do.	Nairn.....	Lydia.....	do.	21 00	
do.	Huntingd'n	Mary.....	Poona	20 00	
do.	Lachine...	Mary Galt.	Sealkote...	20 00	
do.	Smith'sfalls	Rachel Graham.	Madras...	20 00	
do.	Portsmouth Barriefield, Kingston.*	J. Harkness	Calcutta....	10 00	
do.	Clifton.....	Can. School			10 00
do.	Ross & W. Meath	do.			8 00
do.	Williamstown.				8 00
do.	Markham .	Keren-happuch.	Madras....	20 00	
do.	Leith.....	Esther	do.	20 00	
do.	Caledon & Mono.	Sarah Hamilton.	do.	22 25	
do.	Hamilton...	Lydia.....	do.	20 00	
do.	Martintown	Eliza Kinloch.	do.	20 00	
Ladies' Association	Scarboro'..	Louisa....	do.	23 00	10 00
Mrs. James Bisset..	Victoria ...	Catharine .	Poona.....	20 00	
David Ross.....	Leith.....	Hannah ...	Madras....	20 00	
Miss Marg. McLeod	St. John,N.B	Seta.....	Calcutta....	20 00	
Family of R.Cassels	Quebec. ...	Jessie Cassels.	Madras....	20 00	
				$749 50	126 25

*The balance of the support of the Orphan maintained by these schools is paid in Calcutta, by T. F. Harkness, Esq., Indian Civil Service.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE PAST YEAR.

Receipts.		*Disbursements.*	
Rec'd as above for Orphans.	$749 50	Remittances to Scotland...	$889 26
Canadian School.....	126 25	Paid for printing.....	13 50
Balance from previous year	47 60	Postages	2 25
Interest, &c	11 41	Balance in hand.....	29 75
	$934 76		$934 76

Statement of remittances to A. T. Niven, Esq., Edinburgh, Treasurer to the Scottish Ladies' Association for female education in India.

Remitted for support of Orphans	$730 00	
" " presents to Orphans.....	19 75	
" " Canadian School.....	126 25	
Photographs, News of Missions, &c.....	13 26	
	$889 26	£180 4 7

AGNES M. MACHAR,
Treasurer.

Kingston, May 31, 1872.

APPENDIX K.

REPORT OF MISSION TO THE LUMBERMEN.

In submitting their fourth Annual Report, the Committee on the Mission to the Lumbermen desire to express their gratitude to God for the measure of encouragement they have had in their labours during the past season.

Your Committee secured, though for a much shorter period than they desired, the services of the Rev. Hugh Cameron, of Beachburg, who visited the shanties on the Black River and Coulonge, and of the Rev. James Fraser, of Chelsea, who visited those on the Gatineau and its tributaries.

The Rev. Mr. Cameron reports as follows :—

"I left home for the shanties on the 22nd January, and reached the shanty of Mr. R. J. McAlister, of Eardley, the same day. Next morning I proceeded up the River and visited the shanties of Capt. W. Findlay, at Moose Lake, and Messrs. Caldwell, and McTiernan & Fraser, the shanties of the last named firm being the furthest up on the Black River this season. On my way down I visited the shanties of Messrs. McCaushon & Fraser, Fraser, McLean, Capt. W. Findlay at Kedar's Creek, and Messrs. Comrie and Anderson at the same place. I then passed over to the Coulonge and visited the shanties of the Hon. Geo. Bryson and Mr. E. Carmichael. I visited, in all, seventeen shanties, five depots, and several stopping places. I conducted Divine service twenty-one times, family worship twelve times, distributed large quantities of religious literature, addressed between four and five hundred men, and travelled more than three hundred miles. The tracts, but especially the copies of the 'British Workman' are gladly received, while the copies of 'Le Messager des Familles' were welcomed by the young Frenchmen. Several shanties have sent in contributions to the funds of the Mission, and some others have signified their intention of doing so. All these are free-will offerings, unsolicited by any one. In all the shanties I was kindly received by men of all denominations, and returned from my two weeks labour among them invigorated rather than exhausted."

The Rev. Mr. Fraser reports as follows :—

"The Gatineau being one of the main tributaries of the Ottawa, with timber limits of vast extent, a number of large firms, a greater number of small firms, and a very great number of jobbers—each of the latter owning, at least, one shanty—carry on lumber operations in its valley. A necessity of making a selection among them was, therefore, forced upon me, and out of the many, the shanties of Messrs. Gilmour & Co., Hamilton Brothers, W. & J. Welch, and McLaren & Co., were chosen; from them a further selection was made in respect to actual visitation, but, thanks to your liberal allowance of periodicals and tracts, I was able to supply all their shanties with reading matter. The districts visited were four in number, viz., the Pennechonge, the Joseph, the Ignace, and the line of the main river, and in these districts I visited nine shanties, eleven depots, besides several stopping places.

"In the shanties I generally read portions of Scripture in English and French, and afterwards addressed the men in both languages. Usually the services were concluded with prayer in English; sometimes the prayer was repeated in French; in all cases the strictest decorum was preserved. At the depots the services took the form of family worship, while at the stopping shanties they were of a still less formal character.

"The tracts and periodicals are eagerly perused, especially those with attractive plates. It was pleasing to watch the French Canadians grouped in different parts of the shanty, each little company listening intently to one of their number who read aloud. The pleasure with which they listen to the Scriptures, too, is very marked. On one occasion I was particularly struck with the interest manifested. While reading to one of the men from the Gospels I was frequently interrupted by his exclaiming 'Mais! que c'est un beau livre' (My! but that's a fine book). Later on I spoke of his being tired, but he replied that he 'could sit up all night listening to such a book as that.'

"While sensible of the importance of ministerial visitation, and of the results likely to flow from it, I cannot but feel that the greatest power of your Mission lies in the religious literature which you supply to the shanties. The literature is not discarded after a day or two, but, even when the novelty has worn off, many continue reading, and especially on the Sabbath-day, when the ordinary shantyman hardly knows what to do with himself, the package of papers is largely drawn upon. During my stay in a shanty I never solicited subscriptions, and always refused to take any money that was offered to me, simply because the Roman Catholics in the shanties often say that if it were not for the money collected they would never receive a visit from their clergy. To take away the least ground for a similar charge against your Mission I declined all offers of subscriptions.

"During the course of my journey I met four clergymen of the Anglican Church, sent out by the Bishop of Montreal on the same work as that in which I was engaged. Several shanties were visited by them and me with an interval of only a day or two between our respective visits. The suggestion of one of your Missionaries last year to the effect that a central committee of the various Evangelical Churches should be appointed, if possible of realization, would prevent all seeming waste of labour, and be productive of other benefits."

While your Committee feel thankful that the results stated in these reports have been accomplished by the Clergymen who engaged in the work of the Mission during the past season, they keep always in mind the desirability of securing, if possible, the services of one or more missionaries, whose special ministerial work will be to labour among the shanties. Owing, however, to the scarcity of labourers in the settled congregations and mission stations of the Church their hope in

this respect has not yet been realized. Feeling deeply the inadequacy of the ministerial supply at their command to meet the wants of the Mission, they have tried to make up to some extent for this deficiency, and to extend the operations and influence of the Mission by circulating a much larger quantity of suitable literature than during any previous season. Many districts which cannot be reached by the Missionary can, by means of such literature, be brought under a most wholesome influence, and, while the visits of the Missionary must, at best, be very brief, magazines, tracts and similar publications may, week after week, prove a source of great benefit to the men. During the past winter your Committee have distributed a large quantity of appropriate reading matter, including portions af the Scriptures in French, 10,000 pages of French tracts, 125,000 pages of English tracts, over 2,000 copies of the "British Workman," besides many copies of "Le Messager des Familles" (an illustrated and valuable French paper), "The Cottager and Artisan," Leisure Hour," Sunday at Home," &c. In the circulation of this literature, the Committee have been greatly and cordially assisted by several of the lumbering firms whose shanties lie in districts where the Missionaries were unable to visit, and they have reason to believe that much good has been done by this agency. Your Committee hope that during next winter they will be able greatly to extend their work in this respect; they are thankful that the present large balance in the hands of the Treasurer ($231 56), together with such gratuitous contributions of magazines, &c., as they may receive, will enable them to secure and distribute a much larger supply of literature than they have hitherto been able to furnish. While in regard to the supply of religious services among the men, their desire is that eventually every shanty shall be visited, at least once each winter, by some Minister of Christ, their aim, in regard to the circulation of literature will be that every shanty shall be furnished with a suitable, though small, supply of interesting and improving reading matter. This is the point towards which, though it still seem very far distant, your Committee desire to work.

Your Committee would gladly co-operate with others who may be engaged in this work. In the Report of the Rev. James Fraser, reference is made to the labours of Missionaries of the Church of England, and to the fact that, in one section of the country, he and they are visiting the same districts, almost within the same week. Where there are so many shanties in need of missionary service and so few labourers in the field it seems unfortunate that the labour was not better divided; the cause, however, is simply ignorance on the part of each Church of the missionary labours of the other. If it is too much at present to expect the formation of a Central Lumber Mission Committee, composed of members of the various Evangelical Churches, your Committee hope that they may at least be able, by correspondence or otherwise, to make such arrangements in the future as shall secure the widest possible spread of all missionary labor among the shantymen.

Your Committee resolved that the rate of remuneration given to the ministers engaging in the work of the Mission should be increased to fifty dollars per month and travelling expenses. They leave it to the discretion of the Missionary, whether or not he is to accept any voluntary contributions from the shantymen to the funds of the Mission: in no case, however, are such contributions to be solicited.

Your Committee have to express their gratitude to all who have aided them in their labours during the past year, especially to those who have generously contributed to the funds of the mission, to the London Tract Society for a large donation of their valuable publications, to the Lumberers who have assisted in the circulation of the literature, and

to the managers and foremen of the shanties for their kindness towards the Missionaries. The Committee regret that, where the field of labor is so large, they have not yet been able to do more to make this Mission the instrument of such extensive benefit as they think it should be, and as they hope it yet shall be. In the eyes of the Committee their own labors appear exceedingly small and scarcely deserving of such a long Report. At the same time they trust that He who teaches us to "despise not the day of small things," will so increase and bless the Mission as to make it the source of eternal good to a long neglected class of our fellow countrymen and the means of fostering in our beloved land the "righteousness which exalteth a nation."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL M. GORDON,
Convener.

Note.—Annexed is a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Mission during the past season:

Contributions received per Rev. Mr. Cameron:—

Richard McCord	$ 1 00	Alonzo Draper	$ 0 50
E. Brownlee	0 50	J. Barrington	1 00
Angus McLean	1 00	John Ostram	1 00
Frank Giddens	1 00	N. McLean	0 50
Thomas Creighton	1 00	H. Carmichael	0 50
James Hill	0 50	Sandy McLeod	0 50
Joseph Murphy	0 50	James Ostram	1 00
Robert Conolly	0 50	Wm. Ostram	2 00
John Sly	1 00	W. Sanders	1 00
Cyrell Bandoin	1 00	R. Sanders	1 00
Alfred Mayfield	1 00	Thomas McTiernan	10 00
George Wilson	1 00		
			$20 00

THE MISSION TO THE LUMBERMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH ANDREW DRUMMOND, TREASURER.

1871. *Dr.*

Sep. 20—	To printing 500 Reports	$ 13 00
1872.		
Jan. 3—	Publications purchased from T. E. Grafton, Montreal.	14 00
	" " " Canada S. S. Union, " .	7 50
	Duty, freight and cartage on case of Tracts.	2 12
	Freight on publications from Montreal	2 45
	Postage of Reports and Circulars	1 48
Mar. 11—	Salary of Rev. James Fraser, three weeks	37 50
	Expenses " " "	26 00
June 5—	Salary of Rev. Hugh Cameron, two weeks	25 00
	Expenses " " "	15 00
	Balance on hand	231 56
		$375 61

1871.		*Cr.*	
June 1—	By balance on hand		$165 11
1872.			
Jan. 30—	Subscriptions from Hon. G. Bryson		20 00
April 11—	" " Levi Young		10 00
	" " James Gordon		2 00
May—	" " Allan Gilmour		50 00
	" " H. F. Bronson		20 00
	" " J. R. Booth		20 00
	" " E. B. Eddy, M.P.P.		20 00
	" " Hon. James Skead		20 00
	" " Robert Blackburn		5 00
June 3—	" " Hon. M. Cameron		2 00
" 4—	Contributions per Rev. H. Cameron, viz :—		
	Subscriptions as per list	$29 00	
	" from Mr. McAlister's Shanty	7 00	
	" from G. Bryson, Jr.	5 00	
	" from Mary Lawry	0 50	
			41 50
			$375 61

APPENDIX L.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee appointed to correspond with the Colonial Committee of the Venerable the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, beg leave respectfully to report—

That since the date of their last report they have held two meetings, the former on June 14th and the latter on November 22nd, 1871.

That the Colonial Committee, from a desire to render service to Probationers of this Church visiting the Scottish Universities for further prosecution of their studies as well as to evince the warm interest which they take in the prosperity of our Mission-Fields, of their own accord placed on their staff of Missionaries Messrs. Thomas Hart, M.A., and Robert Campbell, M.A. These Licentiates returned to this country nearly a year ago and at once put themselves in communication with your Committee. Steps were immediately taken to place these under the jurisdiction and at the disposal of such Presbyteries as were known to contain within their bounds important vacancies with a view to the supply of these. Mr. Campbell having rendered good service in several unsettled charges was inducted into Macnab and Horton a few months after his arrival. Mr. Hart has laboured with much acceptance within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Saugeen, London, Toronto, Perth and Ottawa.

That your Committee have more recently had a fresh proof of the lively interest spontaneously manifested by the Colonial Committee in all that concerns the welfare of this Church. The Rev. Donald Masson, M.A., M.D., Minister of the Gaelic Church, Edinburgh, having determined to spend a few months in the Dominion of Canada for the improvement of his health, was requested by that Committee to do what in him lay to meet the religious wants of Gaelic-speaking Highlanders residing within these and the Maritime Provinces.

Dr. Masson has been visiting our Gaelic charges since the beginning of February. Two or three times each Sabbath and oft throughout the week he has conducted Divine service. His labours have been chiefly among the vacancies in the Presbyteries of Saugeen and London. Wherever he has gone, his able and acceptable ministrations—his judicious counsels—his genial disposition and his abundant labours have commanded sincere appreciation and have called forth strong expressions of a sense of obligation to himself as well as of gratitude to the Colonial Committee for having so thoughtfully provided the means of even temporarily supplying their spiritual destitution. In more than one place have his encouraging words and sound advice availed to revive a depressed and almost defunct cause. Dr. Masson is present at this meeting and will doubtless receive from this Synod that cordial and Christian greeting which, both as a member of the Colonial Committee and for the personal services which he has rendered to us, he is entitled to receive.

That the Colonial Committee, at the solicitation of the Presbytery of Toronto enforced by the urgent representations of your Committee, agreed to employ the Rev. Francis Nicol as one of their Missionaries for another year. Scarcely had the additional year of service commenced when, in the mysterious providence of God, Mr. Nicol was struck down by paralysis, while diligently labouring in the congregation of Osprey. Although he has thus been laid aside and rendered unable to discharge his duties, yet the Colonial Committee, recognizing the conscientious and exemplary manner in which he has always prosecuted his work as a Missionary, even under discouraging circumstances, have testified this recognition by frankly according payment of their moiety of his salary.

That liberal grants have been made by the Colonial Committee towards the final extinction of debt upon the places of worship recently erected by the following congregations, and that payment of the same has already been received, viz. :

Hawkesbury	£40 stg.
Dalhousie Mills	40 "
Erin	35 "
Dunwich	25 "

That an application for a similar grant was submitted by the congregation of Owen Sound. Your Committee, having given due consideration to the importance of that town as the commercial outlet of a large and populous district—to the chaste and commodious character of the building proposed to be erected—as well as the great and successful exertions which have been put forth both by minister and people towards the accomplishment of this object, resolved to transmit said application with their most favourable recommendation. An answer has been received from Edinburgh, in which the Committee state their readiness to grant £100 towards the structure, so soon as they have received the usual certification that all debt on the building has been reduced to this amount.

That payment of the liberal grant of £75, made towards the final liquidation of the debt upon the church recently erected at Chatham, Ont., to which reference was made in the last report of your Committee, has been received.

That the Presbyteries of Perth and Ottawa, having complied with the conditions required by the Colonial Committee, viz. :—the contribution from local sources of an amount equal to the grant and the transmission of a detailed report of the results of their Missionary

efforts—have received payment of the fifty pounds sterling (£50 stg.) granted to each.

That the grant of £50 per annum, supplementary of the stipend of the Minister of London, has been continued for two years.

That the Rev. James Kidd continues to labour within the bounds of the Presbytery of Montreal.

That your Committee have continued reason to speak in the strongest terms of the anxious desire of the Colonial Committee to promote the interests of this Church in any manner which may be deemed most conclusive to this end, as well as of the friendly spirit and Christian courtesy which pervade all the communications of the office-bearers of that Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted by

J. H. MACKERRAS,
Convener.

APPENDIX M.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION.

To the Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

At a meeting of the Synod's Committee on Union called by circular from the Convener, and held in the Senate Chamber of Queen's College, on the thirty-first day of January, there being present, Principal Snodgrass, Convener, Dr. Jenkins, Rev. D. Watson, Rev. George Bell, Sheriff McDougall, Mr. Craig, Mr. Croil and Mr. Robert Bell, together with Rev. D. M. Gordon, alternate for Dr. Cook, Rev. J. Sieveright for Rev. K. Maclennan, and Mr. George Davidson for Hon. A. Morris, it was moved by Mr. Gordon, seconded Mr. Croil, and unanimously agreed

That the following be the Report of the Committee to the Synod:—

Agreeably to a resolution of the Joint Meeting of Committees held at Montreal in September last, your Committee beg leave to report by submitting a copy of the minutes of said meeting.

It was no doubt expected by a number of the members of Synod that a special meeting of Synod would be called as soon as possible after the joint meeting of Committees closed its proceedings. The terms of the last Synod's resolution on the subject, as given on page thirty-eight of its "Acts and Proceedings" encouraged this expectation. Your Committee have to say that certain steps were taken towards the convening of a Special Meeting, but difficulties having arisen with respect to the time for holding it, further action for that purpose was suspended. After separating at Montreal the members of Committee did not meet again until convened at Kingston on the thirtieth day of January. It was then agreed that it would be unwise, in the circumstances, to ask the Moderator to put the members of Synod to the inconvenience of attending a Special Meeting, the more as it was by no means clear to your Committee that any thing favourable to the progress of negotiations could by such a meeting be effected, that might not be accomplished equally well and with as little loss of time, by allowing the matter to stand over until the present meeting.

Your Committee deem it their duty to call the attention of the Synod to several important changes which were made upon the resolutions of

the joint meeting of Committees, by the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church at its adjourned meeting held at Toronto in November last. The General Assembly left the name of the United Church undecided; referred the resolution respecting "modes of worship" to its Committee, to bring it before the other Committees to consider whether, in present circumstances, such an article be necessary; took no action upon the resolution in reference to the preservation by legislation of the rights of property belonging to individual congregations and corporate bodies; and with regard to Collegiate Institutions substituted the first resolution of the joint meeting, with some additions requiring serious consideration, for the second resolution of the joint meeting on the same subject.

Having introduced these changes the General Assembly transmitted its decisions to Presbyteries, Sessions, and Congregations, without first referring them to the Committees of the other negotiating Churches.

It will, no doubt appear to the Synod, as it does to your Committee, to be particularly desirable that the terms of union which may be sent down to inferior judicatories by the Supreme Courts of the negotiating Churches shall be in all respects the same, and in order that this may be the case another joint meeting of Committees seems to your Committee to be indispensable.

Your Committee feel themselves called upon to inform the Synod that, with respect to the disposal of the Temporalities' Fund and the settlement of the College question, no scheme has yet been devised which will secure that degree of unanimity on either of these subjects which is essential to the consummation of union, and that your Committee are not prepared to offer to the acceptance of the Synod any proposals by which all the difficulties attending the consideration of them can be overcome.

Taking these things into account, and having regard to all the circumstances now connected with negotiations for union, your Committee, after careful and anxious deliberation, have resolved to recommend and do hereby recommend, the Synod to receive this Report and re-appoint the Committee, with such instructions as may be considered advisable in the interests of union.

All which is respectfully submitted in the name and behalf of the Committee.

W. SNODGRASS,
Convener.

MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN THE PROVINCES OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, ON THE SUBJECT OF UNION.

At Montreal, and within St. Paul's Church there, on the 26th September, 1871, the Committees on the subject of Union, appointed by the Supreme Courts of the following Churches, viz.: The Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland—The Canada Presbyterian Church—The Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connexion with the Church of Scotland—and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces—met on the call of the respective Conveners of these Committees, as a Joint Committee for the promotion of Union.

The Rev. Dr. Cook, Chairman of the Joint Committee, which met in Montreal at this time last year, having opened the meeting with prayer, intimated that it now devolved upon the Committee to appoint a Chairman and a Secretary. It was then moved, seconded, and unanimously

agreed to, that Dr. Cook be appointed Chairman, and that Dr. Topp be appointed Secretary.

Extract Minutes of the proceedings of the Supreme Courts of the aforesaid Churches were then read, re-appointing their Committees, with the addition of three ministers and three elders to each of them; and the names of the members of said Committees having been called, the following were present, viz.: The Rev. Principal Snodgrass, D.D., The Rev. Dr. Cook, The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, The Rev. George Bell, The Rev. Kenneth Maclennan, Ministers, with the Hon. Alexander Morris, Mr. James Croil, Mr. James Craig, Mr. Robert Bell, and Mr. James S. Hunter, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland; The Rev. Dr. Taylor, The Rev. Dr. Topp, The Rev. Professor Caven, The Rev. Thomas Macpherson, The Rev. Dr. Macvicar, Ministers, with The Hon John McMurrich, Mr. David Mackay, and Mr. George Hay, Elders of the Canada Presbyterian Church; The Rev. Dr. Bayne, The Rev. George Christie, The Rev. Robert Sedgewick, The Rev. George Patterson, Ministers, with Mr. Henry B. Webster, and Mr. George A. Blanchard, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces; and The Rev. Neil Brodie, Minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

The Committee, before proceeding to business, spent some time in devotional exercises, imploring the Divine guidance and blessing on their meeting.

It was then resolved, that for the more convenient and speedy transaction of business, the sessions of Committee shall be from 9.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M., from 2.30 to 5.30 P.M., and from 7.30 in the evening till such time as may be determined at that session.

On motion made, and unanimously agreed to, the Committee resolved to take up consideration of the Basis of Union first. The Basis adopted by the Joint Committee of last year was accordingly read, with the deliverances of the several Churches thereon.

The Committee then adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At the same place, and on the 27th September, 1871, at 9.30 A.M., the Committee met and was constituted, The Rev. Thomas Macpherson, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer.

Sederunt as before, with the addition of The Rev. David Watson, Minister, and Mr. Neil McDougall, Elder of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland; Mr. John L. Gibb and Mr. Thomas McCrae, Elders of the Canada Presbyterian Church; The Rev. George M. Grant, The Rev. Robert G. Cameron, Ministers, and Mr. J. G. Bremner, Elder of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connexion with the Church of Scotland; and The Rev. James Bennet, Minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee proceeded to consider the Basis of Union. The First Article of the Basis recommended in last year's minutes having been read, final decision as to the precise terms in which it should be expressed was deferred.

The Committee then took up the Second Article, and was engaged in considering the same when the hour of adjournment arrived. The Committee accordingly adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At same place, and on the same day, at 2½ P.M., the Committee met and was constituted. The Rev. Kenneth Maclennan, at the request of the Chairman, offered up prayer.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee resumed consideration of the Second Article of the Basis, and continued therein till 5 o'clock, when it was resolved to adjourn. The Committee accordingly adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At the same place, and on the same day, 7.30 P.M., the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Robert G. Cameron, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer.

Sederunt as before.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee having taken up further consideration of the Basis of Union, agreed to the following as the Second Article: "That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate Standard of this Church. That the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people."

It was further resolved, that to the Second Article of the Basis there be added this clause, viz—"It being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms regarding the power and duty of the civil magistrate shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion."

The Committee then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At the same place, 28th September, 1871, at 9.30 A.M., the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Dr. Bayne, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer.

Sederunt as before.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee having resumed consideration of the Basis of Union,

resolved, after full deliberation, to adopt the following as the Third Article of the Basis, viz.: "That the government and worship of this Church shall be in accordance with the recognized principles and practice of Presbyterian Churches, as laid down generally in 'The form of Presbyterial Church Government,' and in 'The Directory for the public worship of God.'" The Committee then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At 2.30 P.M., same day and place, the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Robert Sedgewick, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer.

Sederunt as before.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee resumed consideration of the Basis, and agreed to the following as the Fourth Article: "That this Church, while cherishing Christian affection towards the whole Church of God, and desiring to hold fraternal intercourse with it in its several branches, as opportunity offers, shall, at the same time, regard itself as being in such ecclesiastical relations to Churches, holding the same doctrine, government, and discipline with itself, as that Ministers and Probationers from these Churches shall be received into this Church, subject to such regulations as shall from time to time be adopted."

The Committee then returned to the consideration of the First Article of the Basis, and resolved to adopt the following as such: "That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the Word of God, are the only infallible rule of faith and manners."

It was also resolved that the title of the United Church shall be, "The Presbyterian Church of British North America." Mr. Brodie dissented from this resolution.

The Committee took up the matter of Collegiate Education, and, having heard read the resolution of Committee last year, and the deliverances thereon of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, entered into the consideration of the whole subject, and continued therein till the hour of adjournment. The Committee then adjourned.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At 7.30 P.M., same day and place, the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Professor Caven, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer.

Sederunt as before.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee having resumed consideration of the matter of Collegiate Education, continued therein till 10 o'clock. The Committee then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At the same place, on the 29th September, 1871, at 9.30 A.M., the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Dr. Taylor, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer.

Sederunt as before.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Before proceeding with the regular business of this session, the several Articles of the Basis of Union, as agreed to, were read, and a Committee consisting of Principal Snodgrass, Professor Caven, and the Secretary, were appointed to revise the same, and to bring the Basis before the Committee in the form in which it should be presented to the respective Churches.

The Committee then resumed consideration of the subject of Collegiate Education, and adjourned at 12.30, to meet at 3 P.M. Closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At the same place, and on the same day, at 3 P.M., the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. George Christie, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer.

Sederunt as before. The Rev. Dr. Bayne, Chairman *p. t.*

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee proceeded to consider the question of a Sustentation Fund for the United Church, as brought up by the extract minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, regarding the distribution of the Temporalities' Fund belonging to the said Church.

The subject was under discussion when the hour of adjournment arrived. The Committee accordingly adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman, p. t.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At 7.30 P.M., same place and day, the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Thos. McPherson, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer. Sederunt as before, the Rev. Dr. Bayne, Chairman *p. t.*

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee having taken up consideration of the 6th resolution in last year's minutes, agreed to adopt it as it stands, viz: "That with regard to modes of worship, the practice presently followed by congregations in the matter of worship shall be allowed, and that further action in connexion therewith be left to the legislation of the United Church."

The Committee further agreed to recommend the establishment of an efficient Widows' & Orphans' Fund for the United Church, to which all ministers and congregations will be expected to contribute; and that in the meantime a Committee, consisting of Mr. Croil, Convener, the Hon. John McMurrich and Mr. D. Mackay, be appointed to employ an actuary to value the different Funds now in existence, and submit to this Committee an equitable plan for the establishment and future management of the Fund.

The Committee then returned to the subject of Collegiate Education, and unanimously adopted the following deliverance: "That the negotiating Churches shall enter into union, with the Theological and

Literary institutions which they now have; and that application be made to Parliament for such legislation as will bring Queen's University and College, Knox College, the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Morrin College, and the Theological Hall, at Halifax, into relations to the United Church similar to those which they now hold to their respective Churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government and functions, on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist."

The Committee then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman, p. t.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At the same place, 30th September, 1871, at 9.30 A.M., the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. George Bell, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer. Sederunt as before, with the exception of Professor Caven, Rev. David Watson, Mr. McDougall, Hon. Alexander Morris, Mr. McRae, Mr. Hay and Mr. Gibb. Dr. Bayne, Chairman, *p. t.*

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee having taken up the matter of the proposed distribution of the Temporalities' Fund, already referred to in a previous minute, agreed to the following deliverance: "That the Committee regard with much satisfaction and approval the proposed distribution of the Temporalities' Fund, as one which may largely promote the interests of certain important Schemes of the Church; but are of opinion that the object recommended by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, as to the payment of a sum of two hundred dollars per annum to every minister on the Synod roll, to whom the benefit of the Temporalities' Fund does not yet extend, may be as efficiently and conveniently carried out by said Synod in another way acceptable to all parties."

The Committee then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman, p. t.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At same place and on the same day, at 2.30 P.M., the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. George M. Grant, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer. Sederunt as before. Dr. Bayne, Chairman, *p. t.*

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee, after full deliberation, resolved to recommend that such legislation should be sought as shall preserve undisturbed all the rights of property belonging to individual congregations and corporate bodies entering into the proposed Union.

Other matters regarding the practical work of the Church, and the constitution of the General Assembly of the United Church, occupied the attention of the Committee till the hour of adjournment.

Notice was given of a motion, as the first business on Monday morning, to re-consider the resolution adopted on the matter of Collegiate Education The Committee then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman, p. t.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At the same place, 2nd October, 1871, at 9.30 A.M., the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Principal Snodgrass, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer. Sederunt—the Rev. Drs. Snodgrass, Cook, Jenkins, Bayne, Taylor, McVicar, Topp, the Rev. Messrs. McPherson, Bennet, Christie, Sedgewick, Bell, McLennan, Grant, Cameron, the Hon. John McMurrich, Messrs. Bremner, Croil, Bell, D. Mackay. Dr. Bayne, Chairman, *p. t.*

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made, duly seconded, that the Committee re-consider the resolution adopted on a previous day regarding Collegiate Education. It was unanimously resolved to do so. The Committee agreed to spend some time in imploring the Divine guidance on this important matter.

This having been done, and the matter having been taken up for consideration, certain resolutions were submitted. These were under discussion when the hour of adjournment arrived. The Committee then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman, p. t.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At 2.30 P.M., same place and day, the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer. Sederunt as before, Dr. Bayne, Chairman, *p. t.*

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee resumed consideration of the matter of Collegiate Education, and agreed that for the deliverance of the 29th September, on that subject, the following resolutions be adopted:—

1. That inasmuch as the Canada Presbyterian Church has resolved to raise two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the endowment of its Theological Institutions, it be recommended to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, to provide such further endowment to the Faculty of Arts in Queen's College as to it may appear necessary or desirable.

2. That Tutorial work in relation to the Literary and Scientific studies of students for the ministry be not carried on in connection with the Theological Institutions of the United Church in Ontario and Quebec; but that provision be made by the United Church for such work in Queen's College, Kingston, and in Morrin College, Quebec.

3. That the Theological department of Queen's College and that of Morrin College, and the Presbyterian College, Montreal, shall be united into one College, situated at Montreal.

4. That the Theological College thus formed at Montreal shall be governed in general accordance with the provisions of the charter of the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

5. That the three Theological Colleges of the United Church, viz: at Halifax, Montreal and Toronto, shall be affiliated with Queen's College, so as to be represented in the University Senate.

1. For conferring degrees in Divinity.

2. For taking such share in the government of the University as may be proper in relation to the preparatory training of students for the ministry.

6. That the present Principal of Morrin College shall be invited by the General Assembly of the United Church to be the first Principal of the Theological College at Montreal, that another Theological Professor shall be so invited from Queen's College, and that in the event

of his declining the invitation, such Professor shall be nominated by the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

7. That the legislation necessary to effect the foregoing changes shall be sought, and that application be made to Parliament for such legislation, in conformity with the said changes, as will bring Queen's University and College, Knox College, the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Morrin College and the Theological Hall, at Halifax, into relations to the United Church, similar to those which they now hold to their respective churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government and functions, on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist.

Principal Snodgrass dissented from these resolutions for reasons, which, it was agreed, he might, if he thought proper, send to the Secretary.

The Committee further agreed to express their confident expectation that the United Church will heartily take up and prosecute the Home and Foreign Missionary and benevolent operations of the several Churches, according to their respective claims, and that with regard to the practical work of the Church, and the prosecution of its Schemes, whilst of course the General Assembly shall have the supervision and control of all the work of the Church, and be the final Court of Appeal, yet the Committee recommend that the United Church shall have due regard to such arrangements, through synods and local committees, as shall tend most effectually to unite in christian love and sympathy the various sections of the Church, and at the same time to draw forth the resources and energies of the people in behalf of the work of Christ in the Dominion and throughout the world.

It was agreed also by the Committee that the Basis of Union for the United Church, to be known as "The Presbyterian Church of British North America," as revised and made up from the previous minutes by the Committee appointed for that purpose, be as follows:

1. That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the word of God, are the only infallible rule of faith and manners.

2. That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate Standard of this Church, that the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people; it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms regarding the power and duty of the civil magistrate shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion.

3. That the government and worship of this Church shall be in accordance with the recognized principles and practice of Presbyterian Churches, as laid down generally in the "Form of Presbyterial Church Government," and in "The Directory for the public worship of God."

4. That this Church, while cherishing Christian affection towards the whole Church of God, and desiring to hold fraternal intercourse with it in its several branches, as opportunity offers, shall, at the same time, regard itself as being in such ecclesiastical relations to Churches holding the same doctrine, government and discipline with itself, as that ministers and probationers from these Churches shall be received into this Church, subject to such regulations as shall from time to time be adopted.

The Committee agreed to send a copy of these minutes, including the above Basis, as their report to the Supreme Courts of the several Churches.

It was also resolved that a copy of the resolutions on Collegiate Education be sent to the Boards of the various Institutions referred to in these resolutions.

The Committees then adjourned.

Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman, p. t.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

APPENDIX N.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH.

In handing in their Report on the Life and Work of the Church, your Committee have to state that, in accordance with the instructions of Synod, they met at Paisley, on the tenth day of October last and drew up the following questions on this all-important subject, and shortly after they addressed them to every Minister of the Church, expressing a desire, also, that the matter should be submitted to the Kirk Sessions, and that answers as full and explicit as possible be returned by the first of day March.

QUESTIONS.

1.—What is your average attendance at Divine Service; and what proportion does your average attendance bear to the whole number of your congregation?

2.—To what extent is Family Worship observed among your people? Could you give us the number, or something near to the number, of families that attend to this duty?

3.—Have you any meetings for Prayer and the reading of the Scriptures, in connection with your congregation? If so, the Committee would like to know to what extent they are attended, and whether any besides the Minister take a leading part in conducting them.

4.—What work are your Elders doing for the furtherance of RELIGIOUS LIFE in your congregation?

5.—Is there any work of the same kind done by members of the Church other than Elders?

6.—Have you any Sabbath School or Schools connected with your congregation? and if so, what evidence of fruitfulness or Religious Life do *they* afford?

7.—To what extent is the Shorter Catechism used in the Sabbath Schools and families?

8.—Does intemperance prevail to any extent in your congregation? and if so, what are the Elders and members of the Church doing to suppress it? Do you subject those known to be guilty of this sin to discipline? Have there been any such cases before you during the past year?

9.—How often in the course of the year do you visit your people, as a pastor? and how are your visitations conducted?

10.—Is there any particular evil hindering the work of God and the prosperity of your congregation?

11.—To what extent have your people contributed to the support of ordinances and the Missions of the Church during the year?

12.—What suggestions would you make as to the best means of securing the co-operation of the office-bearers of the Church and others, in the supervision of Congregations, and in Christian work in general?

To these questions replies have been sent in from about forty-eight congregations:—from the Presbytery of Quebec consisting of six ministers, one; from the Presbytery of Montreal, consisting of seventeen ministers, six; from the Presbytery of Glengary, consisting of nine ministers, two; from the Presbytery of Perth, consisting of seven ministers, two; from the Presbytery of Ottawa, consisting of eleven ministers, eight; from the Presbytery of Kingston, consisting of five charges, one; from the Presbytery of Toronto, consisting of eighteen ministers, ten; from the Presbytery of Victoria, consisting of seven ministers, three; from the Presbytery of Hamilton, consisting of ten ministers, seven; from the Presbytery of London, consisting of twelve ministers, four; from the Presbytery of Saugeen, consisting of four ministers, four; that is to say, out of the one hundred and six charges enjoying the regular ministration of the Word, nearly one half have sent in returns.

This is a result—a degree of success so far as the number of the returns is concerned—which your Committee could hardly have anticipated, considering that this is the first experiment of the kind which the Church has made, and especially the somewhat inquisitorial tone of these questions.

Among these returns they have pleasure in noting very full and cheering ones received from the chief Churches in Montreal: St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, St. Gabriel's and St. Mark's, revealing great life and liberality on the part of our people, and faithfulness on the part of our ministers. They have also had most interesting reports from St. Andrew's, Toronto, and from Ottawa and Kingston, and, indeed, from nearly all the prominent churches in the country. Several ministers bear testimony to the salutary effect of the circular and the accompanying questions, and state that it quickened themselves, and started new feelings as to their duty; and that it enabled them to bring matters such as *family worship, attendance on Prayer Meetings*, and the *obligations of Elders*, and all members of the Church to work in the Vineyard as God has qualified them—to bring such matters before their flocks in a far stronger light than they could otherwise have done. One minister, who had been pained at the prevalence of intemperance and other sins among his people, and who for various reasons was slow to speak out, or take any strong measure, especially lest he should be considered meddlesome or righteous over-much, tells how he took the circular to the pulpit, and at the close of the service read the questions, commenting upon them as he read, and warning all as to what they might expect, and what the Church expected at the hands of her Ministers and Elders—The effect, he says, was most beneficial, not only on the Congregation but on himself, for in thus speaking to them he felt himself backed by the authority of the Synod, and girt about with truth. Nothing, indeed, could be finer in some respects than some of those reports; and the Committee are not without hope that, should the Synod see fit to prosecute this work, a still larger number of returns will be handed in next year, and a still greater quickening will be communicated to the Life and Work of our beloved Church.

The returns bearing upon Family Worship represent that this duty is generally observed in twelve congregations, and very partially in nine. Nothing definite can be gathered from the remainder on this point. Your Committee were struck with the remark, which many of the Ministers make on this subject, namely, that they did not know to what extent this duty was observed; they could not even make an approximation to the number who engaged in this duty. Believing that the state of religion is closely connected with household worship, and that many of the evils affecting society proceed from the neglect of this duty, your Committee express the hope that the Synod will not dispose of this report without giving forth an expression of its mind in this regard and lending the weight of its authority to the suggestions which they would make on this subject. They believe that if Ministers, in their public ministrations and in their private intercourse with their people, would bring this duty more prominently before them, and, in the case of those who from diffidence or want of ability neglect this duty, recommend the use of "the Prayers for Families," authorized by the Church of Scotland, the best of results would attend their efforts and exhortations—in short, that there would be a great quickening of religious life in all our congregations.

As to prayer-meetings held during the week, it appears that thirty-four of the reporting congregations maintain those services, although in some cases the service is not regular. The minister himself, in nearly all the cases reported, conducts the service; and the congregations are few in number where he can count upon any assistance from the elders or other members of the Church. One minister complains that he cannot count even upon the presence of an elder on such occasions and that he is not always sure of a precentor. For this reason the meeting is often heavy, the attendance small, and the life of the Church languishes. Still these reports bring to light many pleasing evidences of real life in the Church at large, and the Committee cannot but congratulate the Synod on so many earnest workers, who do not forsake the assembling of themselves together as the manner of some is, but who love to meet together on an evening for prayer and the reading of the Scriptures, and who, at the throne of heavenly grace, bear upon their heart their fellow-worshippers—not forgetting the backslider, the afflicted, the poor, the wanderer, and those that are in ignorance and out of the way. Your Committee have no suggestions to offer on this point save this, that every congregation should seek to maintain its prayer-meeting, that the people be encouraged to attend, and that, in the case of those brethren who have a large rural district to superintend, district prayer meetings be instituted and maintained, and an elder, under the pastor, be appointed to each, to watch over the same, who may call to his aid such help as he can obtain in conducting the services.

With regard to the elders and their work, a few cheering cases are stated, but the most are set down as doing nothing special—nothing save, here and there, taking part in Sabbath School instruction and making some visits to the sick. There is no complaint as to the ordinary or routine duty on the Sabbath, but the duty of general visitation, warning the unruly, comforting the feeble-minded, searching for the wanderer from ordinances—in short, caring for souls as those that are to give an account, does not seem to be generally felt or recognized. Perhaps the saddest fact brought under the notice of your Committee is that bearing upon the elders. Great complaints are expressed in regard to their coldness and want of co-operation with pastors in caring for the flock. One minister, smarting under this evil, exclaims: "Oh for a staff of godly elders;" and another, "Why should there be such a thing as a closed church or any interruption to the service in the event of the minister being absent a Sabbath or two? Why should not

the elders meet with the people on such occasions and feed them as they are able?"

Believing that the life of the Church greatly depends upon the piety of the elders and their fidelity to their ordination vows, and that no congregation can be in a satisfactory state, where they fail in their high duties, your Committee would express the hope that the Synod will not fail to give an expression of its mind on this vital subject, to the end that there may be more earnest co-operation with pastors on the part of all the elders in caring for the flock and building them up in holy things.

As to Sabbath Schools, it is pleasing to state that there are one or more in connection with nearly all the reporting congregations, and the reports testify to the fact that they are well attended, that some support orphan children in India, that there is much life—much interest—and that, with the exception of a few union schools in the country, the Shorter Catechism is used for the instruction of the youth. There is nothing which has gladdened the hearts of your Committee more than the aspect of the Church presented by those Sabbath Schools, and they cannot but congratulate the Synod that so many earnest workers are engaged every Sabbath in the work of indoctrinating the rising generation in those truths *which, through faith, are able to make them wise unto salvation.*

Many pleasing evidences of usefulness are brought to light by these reports, not the least of which is a case connected with the Toronto Mission School. It is the case of an interesting little girl named Paine, "one who has been long a cripple, who was wheeled in her little chair to the School every Sabbath—took great interest in the lessons—was especially devout in prayer—remarkably patient in affliction—speaking beautifully of the love of Jesus. She seems to have been early taught of God. She died at the age of twelve years."

On this subject your Committee have no suggestions to offer, save, perhaps, that pastors and superintendents be instructed to avail themselves to a larger extent of the help which they might derive from elderly persons in the congregation—persons of years and Christian experience—mothers and matronly women, whose deeper life and riper knowledge of divine things might be expected to exert a more salutary influence upon the youth committed to their care.

The question bearing on the sin of intemperance has elicited, like all the others, various replies. All, with one exception, complain of its prevalence, to some extent, among our people, twenty-three to a considerable extent, and seventeen to a large extent. At the same time nearly all testify to its decrease, and some ascribe this decrease to the influence of Temperance organizations in the neighborhood, and one, the congregation of Leith, (where there used to be three taverns and a distillery), to the work of the Church, and that the work has been so effectually done that no trace of those places is now to be found.

It is very plain, looking at these reports, that this sin has wrought great mischief in the Church, and that as yet but little is done in the way of special effort towards its suppression. One pastor testifies to the sad fact that about one-eighth of his communicants are infected, and candidly confesses that nothing is being done to rid the plague spot from the body. Very few Kirk sessions, it seems, resort to discipline in the case of communicants falling into this sin. Only four such cases are reported. The usual procedure is to deal with known delinquents in private; but, it is feared that even this is not always done; and there is some reason for apprehension that many of the office-bearers of the Church are not sufficiently alive to the enormity of this great evil or the danger to which the flock is exposed in this regard.

Your Committee, however, rejoice to think that there is a growing sensitiveness as to this evil in the Church and community, and they look forward to the time when the Legislature, becoming more and more alive to it, will adopt some more effectual measure than it has ever yet done towards its suppression. They believe the time has come when God's people, instead of leaving it to be dealt with by Temperance Societies, should come forward themselves and take it in hand in some more specific way than by the general ministration of the Word, and give it a larger place in their public deliberations, a place corresponding to its magnitude and importance.

Meanwhile, your Committee would suggest that ministers fail not to give prominence to this subject in the pulpit, *warning every man and teaching every man, in all wisdom, that they may present every man perfect before God.*

With regard to *pastoral visitation,* there seems to be very great faithfulness in the case of all those congregations that have sent in reports. All the ministers visit at least once a year, and in many cases oftener. Reading and exposition of the Scriptures, with prayer, and sometimes catechising the children of the family, seem to be all but universal on such occasions. On this subject the Committee have nothing to suggest, save, perhaps, that there be more close and personal dealing with young men and women than that which the returns reveal. Often and often young persons that have grown up to manhood, unpledged to lead a Christian life, need to be taken aside by the minister—apart even from the family—and spoken to in reference to their souls; and there is many a young man standing at a distance, looking wistfully to a religious life, who would welcome a true man as an angel of God.

The question, making enquiry as to whether there is "any particular evil hindering the work of God in your congregation," has also met with a great variety of answers, but the prevailing answer is *worldliness.* One man speaks of a poor church, a miserable building, being a great evil in his way, another of a heavy debt on his church, another of intemperance, another of family quarrels, another of Sabbath visiting and desecration, but the great and overshadowing evil hindering the work of God, against which ministers and elders have to contend, is *worldliness*—haste to be rich, the love of distinction and the love of money, *which, while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.* Such is the excitement of gain, the shortness of the seasons, and the hurry and bustle of life, that the mind is often unfitted to listen to religious truth or to profit even when it does listen; and so weary are many of the people on Sabbath morning, that they have difficulty in getting up in time for the service. To meet this great evil there is no antidote but the glorious Gospel, proclaimed by living men in daily communion with the Eternal God.

Your Committee were much interested with the suggestions which they have received as to the best means of securing the co-operation of the office-bearers of the Church and others, in Christian work. The general suggestion, and the one which weighs most with the Committee, is, that every congregation be divided into districts, over which elders should be appointed, and that the Kirk Sessions should meet frequently for conference and prayer. Managers also should have their districts assigned them, and the best business man in the congregation should be asked to act as Convener, and the Board of which he is Convener should publish an annual statement of their affairs and circulate the same widely through the whole congregation.

Such is a rapid review of the main facts brought under the notice of your Committee by these returns; and, while they cannot but mourn

over those darker features to which reference has been made, they nevertheless, see much of a cheering character in them, especially in the department of Sabbath School instruction—in the fact that there are so many labourers, both male and female, engaged every Lord's day in this most promising work.

The only other suggestion which they would offer is that the Synod, before it closes, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of holding a conference on the state of religion in the Church, and that the Committee, consisting of the same or other members, with a new Convener, be appointed to prosecute this work.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DUNCAN MORRISON,
Convener.

APPENDIX O.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "PRESBYTERIAN."

In compliance with instructions of last Synod, your Committee held a conference, on 1st August, with a Committee of the Lay Association of Montreal, and after due deliberation, received and accepted an offer of the "Presbyterian" to be handed over after the issue of the December number, and henceforward conducted as the recognized organ of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. The thanks of the Synod are due to that Association for the readiness and courtesy manifested by them in surrendering this valuable property. At the same meeting, it was resolved to reduce the annual subscription of the "Presbyterian" from one dollar to twenty-five cents—the distribution and collection of the price of individual copies to be undertaken by the Kirk Sessions or other competent bodies in each parish or station; and the Ministers and Representative Elders of the City of Montreal were appointed, with full powers, to make all arrangements necessary for conducting it from January 1st until the meeting of Synod. This sub-committee, while fully sensible of the able and self-denying services, as Editor, of Mr. Douglas Brymner, deemed it better on the whole to leave the Synod perfectly free to make its own future arrangements as to the literary part of the publication, and, in the meantime, to commit the entire charge of the "Presbyterian" to a Provisional Editorial Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Rev. Gavin Lang, Rev. W. M. Black, James Croil, Esq., and John L. Morris, Esq.; Rev. Gavin Lang to be Convener. They also resolved that a letter should be addressed to all the Ministers and Representative Elders of the Church asking them to ascertain whether, and how far, their respective sessions would be willing to undertake the distribution of that periodical among the different families of their congregations, and the collection of the price of the copies so distributed. The response to this letter was so large and hearty that the new "Presbyterian" started with a circulation of upwards of 7000, which has since been increased to nearly 8600. The total cost of publishing and despatching the "Presbyterian," during the past six months, has been about $1200, or at the rate of $2400 per annum for 9000 copies monthly. The revenue from 8600 subscribers at 30 cents each, including postage and despatch, is estimated at $2580. The receipts for advertisements may be safely estimated at $500, including a moderate charge for acknowledgments of monies contributed to the Schemes. The net profit, with the present circulation and without bad debts, ought to be about $600 for the year. Should this state of affairs continue in future years there would be no difficulty in meeting editorial and other expenses of

management which, though saved to the Synod now, must hereafter be incurred.

Your Committee are not without hope that the circulation of the "Presbyterian" may yet be increased to at least 10,000 copies, which number is considerably less than the number of families in connection with the Church. In the meantime, sincere and hearty acknowledgments are offered to the Kirk Sessions and others for the very generous support accorded them in this important matter. The labours of the Editorial Committee have been prosecuted, as may be easily supposed, under difficulties and disadvantages such as are common to every new enterprise.

Your Committee in reminding the Synod of the necessity of appointing, at this meeting, an Editor and Editorial Committee for the future management of the "Presbyterian," venture to suggest that consideration might be given to the desirableness of at once securing premises where the business and despatch of that periodical could be more regularly and accurately conducted. They make this suggestion with all the more confidence as, in this way, the idea which has been long entertained by many of having an office for the different Schemes and Missions of the Church might be carried out. It is thought that if each of the Committees of those Schemes and Missions, while still retaining their organization very much as it now is, contributed to the support of a general Secretary-Treasurer who should give his whole time to the Church's work, great good would result from the arrangement. Your Committee would strongly recommend the adoption of some such measure as they have indicated.

GAVIN LANG,
Convener.

APPENDIX P.

To Her Most Excellent Majesty the Queen.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, desire to renew the expression of our ardent attachment and devoted loyalty to your Majesty's Person and Government.

During the dangerous illness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales we deeply sympathized with your Majesty and the Royal Family, and in common with your Majesty's subjects throughout the Empire and its dependencies, joined in Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for his recovery.

It is with profound gratification that we have learned of the prospect of a speedy and harmonious settlement of the international questions referred to the Geneva Board of Arbitration, and we earnestly hope that peace may be maintained between your Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States.

That Almighty God may long preserve your Majesty to reign over a free, loyal and religious people, that He may bestow upon you every earthly comfort and happiness, and finally grant you an unfading crown, is our sincere and earnest prayer.

Signed in name and by appointment of Synod, at Kingston, this eleventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two years.

JOHN HOGG, D.D.,
Moderator.

J. H. MACKERRAS,
Clerk.

APPENDIX Q.

To His Excellency Baron Lisgar, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G. Governor General of Canada, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled, desire anew to give expression to our feelings of respect and esteem for your Excellency as Her Majesty's Representative in this Dominion.

It gives us peculiar pleasure to congratulate your Excellency on the very great prosperity which, during the past year has attended the varied interests of our rapidly progressing country. We are thankful to the Giver of all good for the peace we are privileged to enjoy. Our earnest hope is that the development of our vast resources will be continuous, and that, with the blessing of God, our Dominion will speedily assume a still more prominent position in wealth, influence and enlightment. Deeply conscious of the fact that without the healthful aid of religious truth, material prosperity in itself must ever be of comparatively little avail, it will be our constant endeavour to promote the cultivation of religious knowledge, to inculcate the principles of the Christian faith and to foster that righteousness which alone exalteth a nation.

We regret to learn that your Excellency is soon to relinquish those honourable and weighty duties which, as Her Majesty's Representative in this Dominion, you have faithfully and successfully discharged. We will always remember with gratitude that it was during your Excellency's administration that Confederation was brought to a successful issue. It must ever be gratifying to your Excellency to reflect that it has been your Excellency's privilege to sanction many important measures which cannot fail, in the kind providence of God, to contribute largely towards the material progress and commercial greatness of this country.

We respectfully desire to convey to your Excellency the assurance that we shall hold in grateful remembrance the many benefits which your Excellency has been instrumental in conferring on this Dominion.

That it may please Almighty God to vouchsafe unto your Excellency and Lady Lisgar every spiritual and temporal blessing, is our earnest prayer.

Signed in name and by appointment of Synod, at Kingston, this eleventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two years.

JOHN HOGG, D.D.,
Moderator.

J. H. MACKERRAS,
Clerk.

BUSINESS TO WHICH PRESBYTERIES ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE ATTENTION.

1. The election of a representative to the Sustentation Board, by each Presbytery, at the meeting held last before next meeting of Synod, (vide Minutes, 1870, pp. 27).
2. To take steps to have all arrears to the Synod Fund paid by defaulting Kirk-Sessions within their bounds.
3. To take steps to have all arrears to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund paid by defaulting congregations within their bounds. (Minutes, pp. 35).
4. Presbyteries are required to inquire at each ordinary meeting and record in their minutes, what congregations within their bounds have made the Special Collection or Collections in behalf of the Schemes of the Church falling due since their previous meeting. (Act anent Public Collections, Minutes, pp. 68).
5. To make full and immediate returns to the Widows' and Orphans' Board in regard to such Ministers within their bounds as have wives and children. (Minutes pp. 36).
6. To forward to Mr. Croil a list of the apportionments to each congregation of the annual contribution required from the Presbytery to the Sustentation Fund. (Minutes, pp. 37).
7. To consider and report to next meeting of Synod on the following Overtures:—
   (1) Anent the status of Ministers engaged in the work of French Evangelization. (Minutes, pp. 87).
   (2) Anent shortening the curriculum in certain cases. (Minutes, pp. 43).
   (3) Anent Retired Ministers. (Minutes, pp. 66).
   (4) Anent Joint Meetings of Elders and Managers. Minutes, pp. 69).

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